



ENTERTAINERS HELPING THE
POOR-SEE POVERTY PAGE 14



RECIPE IDEAS FOR STARVING
STUDENTS PAGE 17



DID ANYBODY WIN YET?
PAGE 8

Soccer soars to CIAU's



The men's soccer team heads to McMaster this upcoming weekend for the CIAU's.

CORD SPORTS
WILBUR MCLEAN

Coach Barry MacLean is no stranger to success as a Golden Hawk. The coach of both the men's and women's soccer teams was an All-Canadian as a player for the Hawks in 1985. He was also the assistant coach when the women's team captured their first national championship in 1992 and led them to their second national champi-

onship in 1995 as head coach.

This is why it comes as no surprise that MacLean was at the helm this past weekend when the Laurier men's soccer team became the OUA gold medallists and earned the right to head to Hamilton next weekend and compete in the CIAU championships. To put it modestly, as MacLean says "we've done very well"

The team headed into the OUA final four this past week-

end knowing they needed a win in the semi-finals to clinch a birth at the CIAU's and advance to the OUA gold medal game. The York Yeomen stood in their way. York was fresh off a stunning 3-0 upset of the highly-ranked U of T Blues and had much confidence despite their underdog status.

Both teams played the first half cautiously as neither squad seemed willing to take risks. Opportunities were limited for

both sides and the half-time score was 0-0. In the second half however, the game picked up remarkably. Just a few minutes in, a cross by Wojciech Cwik was hammered home by Kenny Nutt, giving the Hawks the boost they needed.

The Hawks carried their momentum and maintained strong pressure. In the 66th minute, Nutt sent a beautiful corner into the box which was headed out of the goalie's reach by Dave Blicharski, giving the Hawks a 2-0 lead and all but icing the victory.

Nutt scored a final goal to make the game 3-0 sending Laurier to the CIAU's.

There was still the issue of the gold medal game against 10th ranked Laurentian on Saturday. Laurier started poorly in this game. Laurentian had a few opportunities early on but the strong goalkeeping of Pieter Meuleman kept the game scoreless going into halftime.

Much like the game before, it was in the second half where the Hawks picked things up. Midway through the half a flurry of activity occurred. Cwik was given a golden opportunity when he was given a free kick

outside the box and Cwik made no mistake as he gave the Hawks a 1-0 lead.

The Hawks didn't stop there. In the 80th minute, a free kick led to a loose ball that was taken advantage of by the Hawks' Steve Cox who gained control and drove it home making the score 2-0.

With the game all but already over, Joel Abwunza netted one ending the game in favour of Laurier 3-0, crowning the team OUA gold medallists.

The team now looks forward to the CIAU's. On Friday the Hawks plays the tough 2nd ranked squad from Victoria. On Saturday, the Hawks will play a rematch with Laurentian. MacLean believes that last week's victory over Laurentian "won't make an impact" on the upcoming game.

If one thing's for certain, it's the Hawks are led by a man who knows what it takes to win. MacLean will be looking to add a third national title to his resume and has instilled the needed confidence in his team. He believes "we've got as good a chance as any team there" and this weekend, he'll have the opportunity to prove it.

Golden Victory for Lacrosse Hawks

CORD SPORTS
CAITLIN HOWLETT

The Laurier Women's Field Lacrosse team brought home the OUA Championship title this past weekend at Queen's University. The first place Hawk squad in the West division, led by Coach Lynn Orth, eased into the playoffs at Queen's university with a 9-2-1 regular season record and continued their winning success in the championships.

On Friday, Laurier faced the fourth place York Yeowomen, once again proving their high level of play and skill with an easy 11-2 victory.

WLU goalie Arlene Stratton played outstandingly. Top goal scorers for the Hawks were Vanessa Cowlen with four and Emily Watson with three. Player of the game for the Laurier Golden Hawks was Vanessa Cowlen.

The semi-final game on Saturday matched up Laurier against the two time defending champion Queen's Golden Gaels. As the semi-final game progressed, it appeared as though it was



Ladies' Lacrosse fought hard to hold onto the gold.

going to be a close matchup. Laurier was up by one goal, 4-3 at the half. Queen's fought hard to get back in it but WLU held off the charge. The final score was Hawks 12, Gaels 8. DeSouzza captured

the player of the game with six points, three goals and three assists. Other top scorers were Watson and Hodge with three goals each.

On Sunday afternoon, the Laurier

Golden Hawks took on the University of Toronto who were undefeated all year. The game was guaranteed to be a close match as neither team had ever captured the OUA Championship and both teams were itching for the title. The Blues were ahead by three goals, but the Hawks came back swiftly to send them into the second half in a tie. The Hawks yet again played a grueling second half in which the lead was tossed back and forth between the two teams. Watson was able to put Laurier into the lead with 1:06 remaining. The Hawks held on to capture their first ever OUA Gold Medal. Top goal scorers were Watson who contributed three goals, DeSouzza and Palumbo with two each. The final score was 10-9 in favour of Laurier. Watson was named player of the game for Laurier in her final season of OUA lacrosse.

Congratulations go out to Watson who was named OUA MVP of the West division. DeSouzza and Stratton were also named to the OUA all-star team for the West division.



Now Hiring: FEATURE EDITOR BOARD SECRETARY & EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS

Apply Now, Student Publications Offices,
Third Floor, Fred Nichols Campus Centre.
Deadline: Friday, November 20th.

1000s of CDs Cheap!



Their New Price \$21⁹⁹ Our Used Price \$11⁹⁹
QUALITY GUARANTEED!



www.beatgoeson.com

370 HIGHLAND ROAD W., KITCHENER FOOD BASICS PLAZA 744-1011

385 FAIRWAY ROAD S., KITCHENER CANADIAN TIRE PLAZA 893-2464

402 KING STREET N., WATERLOO BETWEEN HARVEYS & BURGER KING 884-7376

Attention
Campus Clubs:
If you have not
yet had your
picture taken
for the
Keystone and
would like to
be in it, please
contact Nicole
at nkozicki@hotmail.com by
November 12.

IT'S YOUR
LAST
CHANCE!

CORD GENERAL MEETING
THIS FRIDAY IS
CANCELED.
COME BACK NEXT WEEK.

Super Optical

91 King St. N., Waterloo
(King & Bridgeport)

www.superoptical.701.com
747-5657

2 for 1

Glasses or Contacts
Buy one complete pair of
Glasses or Contact lenses at
regular price and get a
second one **FREE**
• Details in store • Expires Dec. 2/00

50% off Frames

with complete purchase of glasses*
Over 3000 Choices
*Complete glasses include frame and lenses
Details in store Expires Dec. 2/00



Eye Exams
Arranged



**1 HOUR
SERVICE**
(for most glasses & contacts)

GINO'S PIZZA

open from 9a.m. 'till 5 a.m.

747-9888

160 UNIVERSITY AVE. WEST

8.99 +TAX

**LARGE 3 TOPPINGS
FREE DELIVERY**

(on campus only)



GET IT WRITE!

These Centennial programs
are for writers. We offer you
the best in communications
technology and the training
to go with it. In these
programs, the foundation
consists of gathering
relevant information and
presenting it in an
engaging, informative,
interactive way using
various technologies.
Whatever the medium,
whatever the technology,
it all begins with
good writing.

Do you have a degree or diploma? Are you
wondering where to turn for the hands-on training
you need to get a job? Are you a good writer?
Then we have the post-graduate communication
arts programs for you.

Our new, 10-month Online Writing and
Information Design program starts in January.
The focus is content creation for the Web. You'll
write and edit everything from human-interest
stories to e-commerce copy. Our unique information
design component increases your marketability.

Corporate Communications (Public Relations)
is an intensive one-year program that hones the
skills needed to help organizations with publicity,
publications, Web sites, community relations and
marketing communications. A strong appreciation
of graphic communications is emphasized. Find
out more at corpcomm.bccc.com.

Journalism (fast-track option) is a two-year
program that arms you with the skills you'll need
on the front lines of the news media. You'll spend
parts of two semesters working on *The Observer*,
a community newspaper that also has an online
presence.

Each program features a full-time work placement
in the final semester. You'll be job-ready when you
graduate from Centennial.

CENTENNIAL COLLEGE

For more
information call
(416) 289-5325
or visit our Web site
www.centennialcollege.ca



Canadian Teacher Certification Program

Gannon University, Faculty of Education

- Limited space, apply now!
- Acceptance confirmed in 2 weeks
- Tuition discount based on Canadian dollars at par
- Practice teach at home in Ontario
- Ontario and/or US Certification
- January start...Summer break...Christmas finish

**Our representative will be available
Nov. 15, 2000, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Career Services**

Next Session begins January 2001 •
For more information call (800)426-6668

GANNON
UNIVERSITY

Erie, Pennsylvania • (800)GANNON-U

Reading Reaps Rewards



Volunteers pose prior to Sunday's Walk For Literacy, put on by Laurier Students For Literacy.

ASAD KIYANI

Thanks to a pack of Laurier volunteers, at least one child will have a dream come true.

Last Sunday's Laurier Students For Literacy (LSFL) Walk for Literacy raised a record amount for the Sunshine Foundation, with a surplus left over to boost LSFL's own programs.

According to WLUSU Vice-President of University Affairs Charmaine Cunningham and LSFL Co-ordinator Rob Poge, the total amount collected as of Tuesday afternoon was \$2965. Pledge money is still coming in, raising expectations of breaking the \$3000 barrier.

"Normally [we don't do] that well," explained Poge. "Last year was \$1700, which was by

far the most collected until that point. I guess that's a statement itself about how much Laurier cares about this."

The goal of this year's walk was to raise \$2500 to help sponsor a child with the Sunshine Foundation. The reason for working with Sunshine, said Poge, was their intimate connection to helping children and the perspective those children can provide to volunteers.

"At Laurier, we're focused on exams and our social relations we have but there is a lot of stuff we aren't exposed to," explained Poge. "Kids I think, are the ones really living life and they can show us a lot. That, I thought, was the best way to learn about life and what we have here."

Unbeknownst to its volun-

teers, the LSFL Executive had set up a deal with food conglomerate Nabisco to supplement its donation to the Sunshine Foundation, which sponsors Dreams for seriously ill children.

Since sponsorship costs \$5000, the two groups decided to split the cost between themselves. Nabisco promised \$2500 and LSFL set a goal for its volunteers to collect the same amount. The remainder of the money will go to improving LSFL's own community-based programs.

"They could always use support," said Fisher. "Not just monetary support, but supplies and books."

Sunday's walk, with a new scenic route, would determine how successful LSFL would be.

With numerous campus clubs, services and groups present, the setting seemed auspicious enough, and the result justified the surrounding optimism.

"We're all really really happy with it. Everyone was enthusiastic that was there," said LSFL Executive Noelle Fisher.

Fisher, who is in charge of LSFL's fundraising efforts and organized Sunday's walk, was delighted by the day's proceedings.

"There were so many things that impressed me," said Fisher. "The head of

the Waterloo chapter of the Sunshine Foundation actually came. She made a big effort to do stuff all week and show she supported our cause as well."

"We all had our expectations and it was just icing on the cake how smoothly it ran and we got a lot of good feedback about the route as well," continued Fisher. "It's great because it allows our volunteers to get to know each other on a different level and we had really good support from other clubs."

Poge was equally impressed with Sunday's efforts. For one, it brought together a disparate group of people and, more importantly, helped

recruit even greater support and recognition for LSFL itself.

"From the feedback I got, people had fun doing it," said Poge. "If they are having fun, it'll help people do it again. The walk had the potential to make a profound impact upon people."

"I think, so far its kind of done what we can expect it to," said Poge. "People came together primarily for LSFL. At this time, people don't know too much about why we did it. The Dream Presentation will help people know now about what it was for."

The Dream Presentation is an exposition of exactly where the donor's money is going, how the Sunshine Foundation works in general and what programs are being supported by it.

Perhaps most importantly, Sunday's walk

and the donation will help raise LSFL's profile, both within Laurier and in the Kitchener-Waterloo community where LSFL's programs are concentrated.

"People at Laurier don't know what we do. I'm not saying they need to see us, but parents need to know about us so we're able to help," said Poge. "Those children need help."

Pledge money is still coming in, raising expectations of breaking the \$3000 barrier.

Election Battle Continues with Debates

DAVID FIELD

For those Canadians who have been busy over the past few weeks and have not had time to learn about recent developments in the federal election don't worry. Nothing has happened. If you think you're behind, you're not. If there was one valuable thing said it was too subtle to be recalled.

There have been some developments in this election, though. The Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta suspended sections of the Canada Elections Act at the very beginning of the election. The sections suspended dealt with third-party advertising. So for this election there are no restrictions in the amount of advertising a third-party (person or group other than a candidate or political party may purchase.

This judgement, however, will not affect an individual's ability to vote. The five major political parties have revealed their party platforms and are in the process of determining their candidates. Beyond this, almost every party and their



The sparks should fly between Chrétien and Day in this weeks debates.

leaders have made useless political attacks.

The important part of the election happens this Wednesday and Thursday when the national debates occur. These debates should be what set the tone for the rest of the campaign. The debate is for Jean Chrétien to lose, and Stockwell

Day, Joe Clark, Alexa McDonough and Gilles Duceppe to win. If the Liberals do not suffer a loss in support after the debate, it is almost guaranteed that they will form a majority government.

For those who are interested in the latest polls, a new institute at Laurier will help aid those in finding the latest infor-

mation.

The Laurier Institute for the Study of Public Opinion and Policy (LISPOP) has recently been created to look at Canadian election polls. The director of the new institute is Steven Brown, a professor of political science.

The institute's web site (<http://www.wlu.ca/LISPOP>) contains detailed information about recent election polls including results and what questions were asked.

The site also provides a frequently updated projection of seats by provinces. Another political science professor at Laurier, Barry Kay, produces the projections.

There is still plenty of time to prepare for the November 27, 2000 federal election. The platforms are launched, debates will soon begin, and there is still plenty of time to register to vote.

Those students who have never voted federally before must register in order to vote. To find out how to register to vote contact Elections Canada at 1-800-INFO-VOTE (1-800-463-6868).

Students' Union and Publications troubled

DAVID FIELD

At the last Students' Union Board of Directors meeting on October 26, there was trouble finding enough directors to attend in order to hold the meeting.

There are currently fifteen voting board members, after the resignations of Anik Merchea and Nathan Ludwig during the course of this academic year.

Eleven voting members must attend each meeting based on the organizational by-laws.

After Anik Merchea's resignation at the start of the year the Chair of Elections and Referenda Committee Kristi Edwards said, "We don't feel it is justifiable to spend students money on a by-election." The WLUSU Board of Directors made that decision again after Nathan Ludwig left.

Chair Eric Davis brought up the matter at the last meeting. Kristi Edwards mentioned that the board chose not to run a by-election to fill the two vacan-

cies. "Do we make time or spend \$3000 for an election," she said addressing the other directors.

Student Publications may also have trouble meeting

"The board chose not to run a by-election."

Quorum. The reason being that two directors have left that board this year. Janette Roy left earlier this year and last week Beth Mullen announced her resignation.

Beth Mullen cited her reason for leaving was that, "Student Publications is of lesser priorities than my other responsibilities at this time." She is in her

final year and needs to spend her time on academics and planning for her future employment.

Beth's resignation however leaves only five voting members of the WLUSP Board. The Quorum set for Student Publications is five, meaning all voting members must attend every meeting.

This board has also decided not to hold a by-election to fill the two vacancies.

Chair of the WLUSP Board of Directors Rob Borek said that there would be "no by-election because of the short amount of time left and the cost".

It would take a month's notice before calling a general meeting of the electorate. As well, ten-percent of students would have to vote to make the election legal.

The Annual General Meeting has been set for February 8, 2001. This meeting is the election date when the members of both boards will be elected.

Bachelor auction helps sponsor child

DAVID FIELD

The Turret was open Wednesday, October 25 for the Association of Black Students Bachelor Auction.

Entrance was a \$2 donation and provided a night full of entertainment. The evening was held to raise enough money to sponsor a needy child in a developing country.

Men were auctioned off to the highest bidder who was able to enjoy the rest of the evening with their date. There was an after party provided at the Turret for those auctioned to spend time with their dates.

The Association's Treasurer, Tricia Granville said that they, "don't expect them to do anything else."

The funniest bachelors of the night were Wez Brown, JP Bhikarry, and Graeme Kerr who were auctioned off together. As

a group of three they raised \$31 for this charitable cause.

When asked why they volunteered to be auctioned off, Brown said he wanted, "to find out if I will still do this stuff sober."

Kerr responded to the same question saying he "wanted to see if what my Mom says is true. That I'm special."

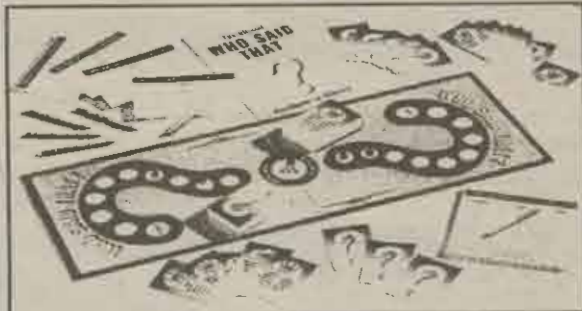
Chris Scott was the bachelor who raised the most money; he went for \$76.

The evening raised \$850 after expenses and helped many people have a fun Wednesday night. The expenses included the cost of using The Turret for the evening.

Jessica Bonsu said, "the selection of men was good. There was a fun energy."

Anjana Ghosh who said, "It's a great time for a great cause" summarized the night in the best possible way.

WHO SAID THAT ?



ITS WHAT YOU SAY THAT COUNTS !!

\$24.95

AVAILABLE IN YOUR BOOKSTORE NOW !!

? Tired of all the same old trivia games ?
? Do you want something NEW, FUN & INTERACTIVE ?
? Then CHECK THIS OUT !



Take your future for a test drive!

Get all your questions answered on Tuesday, November 14th, 7 - 8:30 pm

We welcome **Graduating Students** to find out about post-graduate programs. Meet with representatives from 24 Ontario Colleges at the Conestoga College Recreation Centre, 299 Doon Valley Drive, Kitchener. For more information, call 748-5220, ext. 656.

Conestoga Offers:

- Career Development Practitioner
- Environmental Engineering Applications (Optional Co-op)
- Human Resources Management (Co-op)
- Systems Analyst
- Teaching English as a Second Language

Conestoga College

**ALTERNATIVE
THURS.
FRI. SAT.**



**B4 9:30
220 KING ST. N**

PHIL'S

philsgrandson@sympatico.ca

**RETRO 80's + 90's
SUNDAY**



**B4 9:00
725-4286**

Cache of Crime

CAUSE DISTURBANCE 0210
HRS WED NOV 01/00

A WLU student was physically removed from the Turret after an altercation and became verbally abusive to staff. The matter will be forwarded to the JAC.

NOISE COMPLAINT 2345 HRS
TUE OCT 31/00

Officers responded to a complaint about loud music coming from the Grad Pub. Staff were requested to turn down the music and complied.

MEDICAL ASSIST 0315 HRS
THU NOV 02/00

An ambulance was called for a resident at Bouckaert Hall who was unconscious due to suspected alcohol consumption. The individual was taken to hospital for observation.

PERSONAL INJURY ACCIDENT
1540 HRS THU NOV 02/00

A non WLU female was attended to at Health Services for a small cut and a few scrapes after tripping over a speed bump on Mid Campus Dr.

NOISE COMPLAINT 2310 HRS
THU NOV 02/00

Staff at the Grad Pub were requested to turn down the out-

side speakers because of a noise complaint.

CAUSE DISTURBANCE 0130
HRS FRI NOV 03/00

Officers responded to the area outside Willison Hall after receiving a complaint that a group of males were shouting and disturbing residents. On arrival, the group had already gone.

NOISE COMPLAINT 0230 HRS
FRI NOV 03/00

A complaint of loud music and yelling at a residence on Bricker Ave was received. The occupants were asked to keep the noise down and complied.

TRESPASS 1930 HRS THU NOV
02/00

A non WLU male was charged with trespassing when he re-entered University Stadium after being evicted previously.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON 2320
HRS FRI NOV 03/00

Officers responded to the area of University Place after receiving a call that a male person on the roof of a nearby building was looking through windows @ University Place. By the time officers arrived the person had

gone. A license plate number was obtained and passed on to Regional Police.

MEDICAL ASSIST 0245 HRS
SUN NOV 05/00

An ambulance was called for a non WLU female at the Turret who was suffering from allergies. She was taken to hospital.

CAUSE DISTURBANCE 0205
HRS SUN NOV 05/00

Officers responded to a report of a number of males engaged in an argument on Mid Campus Dr who appeared to be preparing to fight. The parties were separated and sent on their way.

CAUSE DISTURBANCE 0230
HRS SUN NOV 05/00

Officers broke up several altercations in the Nichols Ctr Quad and a number of individuals were escorted off campus. During this time period, the following items were turned in at the Security office. If you have lost any of these items please come to the Security Office @ 34 Bricker Ave to claim them: 1 bicycle 2 wallets 1 womens' bracelet

Kitchener Waterloo Musical Productions
presents

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR



Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber • Lyrics by Tim Rice

Originally produced on Broadway by Robert Stigwood and
MCA, Inc. by special arrangement with David Land
Original Broadway production conceived by Tom O'Horgan

Directed by Gord Davis • Musical Direction by Fen Watkin

Jesus Christ Superstar is an account of the last seven days of Christ's life through the eyes of Judas Iscariot, one of Christ's disciples.

The essence of Jesus Christ Superstar is the music — music that is poignant, dramatic, startling in its intensity, and timeless in its statement.

November 16, 17 8 pm

November 18 2 pm & 8 pm \$25 \$30 \$35

Subscriber's Choice Members SAVE \$3
Groups SAVE 10%



THE RECORD

SPEEDY POSTING
CENTRE • KITCHENER

THE
CENTRE
IN THE
SQUARE



101 QUEEN ST N KITCHENER
Mon-Fri 10 am - 8 pm
Saturday 10 am - 6 pm
www.centre-square.com

578-1570
1 800 265-8977



THE TORONTO STAR

Speaker Series

Presents

Richard Gwyn

Home and Away Columnist

THURSDAY, NOV. 16, 2000

AT 12 NOON

Toyota Solarium,
Wilfrid Laurier University

The Changing Face of Canadian Politics

Former Ontario Premier Bob Rae said of Richard Gwyn's most recent book, *Nationalism Without Walls, The Unbearable Lightness of Being Canadian*: "What other book makes you want to cheer, and then to throw it across the room?"

Hear how Gwyn thinks our politics are being reshaped at the start of the 21st century.

Sponsored by





The tie that binds since 1926

A Wilfrid Laurier University Student Publication
Third Floor, Fred Nichols Campus Centre
75 University Avenue West,
Waterloo, Ontario, N2L 3C5
(519) 884-1970 ext. 3564
Fax: (519) 883-0873
Advertising: (519) 884-1970 ext. 3560
www.wlusp.com
e-mail: 22cord@mach1.wlu.ca

At this point, it doesn't matter if you're a Republican, Democrat or Moslem.

Dan Rather, trying to ad-lib

Editorial Staff

Editor-in-Chief ASAD KIYANI
News Editors MATT CADE
DAVID FIELD
Living Dangerously MANEESH SEHDEV
Entertainment Editors LUKE MARTYN
SCOTT CAIRNS
Sports Editors BASIL BOTETZAYAS
WILBUR MCLEAN
International Editor YVONNE FARAH
Features Editor VACANT
Student Life Editor REAGAN HAIRE
Business Editor CATHY SWEET
Production Manager DANIELLE FIELDER

Cord Staff

Classified Coordinator ASHLEY BREE NASON
On-Line Editor ASIFA RAHIM
Production Assistants JENNIFER MARTIN
RAYMOND SUN KIT ON

Copy Editors EVAN VAN DYK
CHRIS TRACY

Circulation and File Manager VACANT

Student Publications Staff

Cord Photo Manager EDDY SCHALL
Yearbook Photo Manager MARTIN KUEBLER
IT Team ALAN LEW
Advertising Manager ANGELA FOSTER
Ad Production Manager JASON KIPFER
Ad Production Assistants CHRIS JACOBSON
NIKI LUTZ KELLY KEBERER
KELLIE SUMNER
Public Relations Coordinator HEATHER-ANN MENDES
Human Resources Coordinator VACANT

Administration

President CHRISTIAN PEARCE
VP: Finance & Administration DHARMESH MAKWANA
Board of Directors ROBERT BOREK
SEAN GEOBEY NATHAN LUDWIG
KYM STASIUK

Contributors

Bethany Carter (I'll go out with you!), Tim Phillips, Dillon Moore, Luke Johnston, Kiran Kharoud, Caitlin Howlett, Brian Thode, Wesley Horlings, Antoine Volpini, Todd Dougherty, Luxmen Aloysius, Brent Reaney, Marianne Lee, Erik Marshall, Mark Morassut, Man Tran, Alexandra Stevenson, Sandra Schwartz, Mark Belcastro, David Wile, Lisa Powell, Aphex Twin, Rage Against The Machine, EPMD, NWA, Bounty Killer and Ralph Nader for not being such a BORE... Everyone in the computer lab, Wilf's and the 24 hour lounge who watched the election results with me-Maneesh

LETTERS POLICY:

• All letters must be signed and submitted with the author's name, student identification number, and telephone number.
• All letters will be printed with the author's name. Letters can be printed without the author's name with permission from the EIC.
• The Cord comes out on Wednesdays. Letters must be received by Tuesday at 12:30, on disk, or via e-mail at 22cord@mach1.wlu.ca.
• Letters must be typed or easily legible, double spaced and cannot exceed 350 words.
• The Cord reserves the right to edit any letter. Spelling and grammar will be corrected.
• The Cord reserves the right to reject any letter, in whole or in part, that is in violation of existing Cord policies.
The Cord will not print anything that is racist, sexist, or homophobic in nature, as deemed by the staff as a voting body. The Cord will not print personal attacks or defamatory statements. The Cord will not print anything in violation of its Code of Ethics, outlined in The Cord Constitution. Cord subscription rates are \$20.00 per term for addresses within Canada. The Cord is printed by Hamilton Web Printing. All commentary is strictly the opinion of the writer and does not necessarily reflect that of the Cord staff, the editorial board, or WLU Student Publications.

EDITOR'S COMMENT

Lovin' Laurier

A lot of people tend to automatically associate The Cord with an intense hatred towards everything to do Wilfrid Laurier University. I mean, sure, we're all cynical bastards with psychotic tendencies, but in reality, we all really love this place in our own twisted little way. I personally would not be caught dead at any other university, but brotha', it's certainly not because of the "spirit", "community", or the quality of education that one would normally compliment Wilfrid Laurier on. Nope no, sir. That stuff is for the chumps.

Here's my list:

I like the fact that there are slick leather/pleather couches by an ice cream shack. I also like the fact that you can eat ice cream and spill it all over yourself on one of those couches at 2am. If it's too cold for ice cream, you can also go up to the Pita Shack and ask for a slab of pure steak, and they'll do it. I'm not kidding either; I do it all the time. On that beef note, I like the fact that I can have a stir-fry with a triple dose of beef on it for about 10 dollars. That's enough beef to feed a small town in Albania, but as most of you are well aware, indulgence is completely justified when it's done on a meal card.

I like the fact that there is twenty thousand-dollar, state-of-the-art and grotesquely mammoth television screen right beside The Cord's office. It's utterly ridiculous. I frigging love it. It's like a movie theatre was built

into my university just so I can sit my fat ass down and watch *Cruel Intentions*, which is basically soft pornography with that girl from that television show. There were a lot of people watching that porn in the lounge too! It was creepy!

I like the fact that you can study in a building made out of nothing but windows that we call the Solarium, despite the fact that its real name is something to the tune of "Honda

I like the fact that there are slick leather/pleather couches by an ice cream shack.

Special Super Thunderdome". When I study in the big window, people knock on the window at 12am and I let them into my window, and we become one big happy bubble window study family.

On that note, I like the fact that we have a building where there are giant 30-foot trees planted inside. Seriously, who thought of this? How drunk were they? Nobody in their

right mind could ever come up with an academic building with giant trees in it; it's far too ingenious. I ain't fronting either, I love the Science Building. The chairs suck, and I'm not in science - but if someone fixed those problems, I'd be the happiest educated man on the planet.

I like the fact that over the course of the last few weeks we've been frequented by comedians, musicians, some weird swallowing "bloke", and Guelph guys that sing The Tragically Hip so loud that it becomes a parody by volume alone. There is also a night that plays jungle and drum and bass every Friday, even though nobody goes to it. This isn't an attack on Liquid Beatz - it's more of a compliment to the fact that there is still a brilliant amount freedom to do your own thing in such a confined place. Despite the overwhelming air of narrow thinking at this school, there are still a lot of people that see things differently, and are willing to do their thing and enjoy it. It ain't business, and it ain't the "close-knit-ness" of everything, but there's some crazy shite I love about this place - You got your shite, and I got my shite. Know what I'm saying?

SCOTT CAIRNS
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

The opinions expressed in this editorial are those of the author, and do not reflect those of The Cord Staff, the editorial board, or WLU SP.

LETTERS

CLOTHESLINE CORRECTIONS

We are writing to clarify information printed in October 25th issue of The Cord in an article entitled "Against Violence."

The clothesline project is not a "special event" held by the Women's Studies 100 class, but an international project that bears witness to violence against women. The purpose of the event is to provide female survivors of violence the opportunity to tangibly represent their experience.

Typically, with the exception of white shirts, the survivor creates shirts herself in order to aid the healing process and simultaneously promote social awareness and education of violence against women. The clothesline project was actually displayed in the Concourse on October 18th, with the shirts being made by female survivors of the WLU and K-W community. A special trip was also made to Mary's Place, a local women's shelter, which provided women with shirts to express their feelings as victims of violence.

The clothesline project is an event sponsored by the WLU Women's Centre, Campus Safety Committee and Men Opposed to Violence Against Women as part of the YWCA week without violence. The seminar in the WS 100 class was a secondary tool held to promote a greater understanding of the

effects of violence on its victims.

The second inaccuracy in the article was reporting that 19 women were victims of the Montreal Massacre. Marc Lepine actually killed 14 women, but this does not account for the others who took their own lives as a result of having witnessed the event or from the trauma of having lost a loved one.

We also found it incredibly belittling that the caption chosen to frame the article was "each group brought different experiences that they had and that was that, kids." If it was a woman you knew whom had been sexually assaulted, or a victim of domestic violence, we are sure that you would not have trivialized their experience. In essence, The Cord with such a caption, has made a mockery of such an important social awareness event.

Holly Wagg, Gill Yealland, Sarah Mooney, Pam Graham, Alex Tomasovic and Sue Dieleman
WLU Women's Centre Coordinators

SUICIDE COVERAGE

Regarding the two students that suicided, I am not surprised that some have been critical of this coverage. Reading of another person's suicide can be very anxiety provoking because it can resonate with something within us all. At times it is part

of the human condition to feel overwhelmed and hopeless and to entertain the thought, if only fleetingly, that it might be better to go to sleep and never wake up. Somehow we persevere and the feeling lifts.

However, this is not so in depression, where such thoughts can recur, persist and tighten their grip. Depression is an illness and severe depression can be fatal. Suicide is not a failure of courage or a misguided attempt for glory. It is, as a rule, the result of disease - induced unbearable pain and complete loss of hope, in other words, the end-stage or an unremitting disease process.

My advice to those who have friends that they are worried about is to be kind, sensitive and present. Come to Counseling of Health Services if you feel that you need help in helping your friend to get help. (See Reagan Haire's excellent article in the October 12 issue of The Cord).

Thank you, editor, for not discriminating between one illness and another. Seeing each of these four lives celebrated in print, on the front page, helps all who are touched by their deaths to feel the pain of loss deeply and in doing so, continue to mourn and to heal.

To have avoided the mention of suicide would have been a lost opportunity to raise awareness of the illness of depression and the avail

Continued on next page...

MORE LETTERS

...Continued from last page

ability of the resources for help.

Suicidal illness is only made worse by secrecy. Silence and secrecy reinforce the idea that you are not supposed to talk about suicidal illness, which reinforces the isolation of the depressed person. Putting this matter out in the open is healthy. This puts it where it can be discussed and actually takes away the mystery and the glamour.

Meg Poel MD
Health Services

We are writing this as a letter of thanks to all those who offered us support in dealing with the death of our housemate and friend Chris Larsen.

We would like to thank Dean McMurray and the Laurier Counseling Services for their prompt and personal response to a very difficult situation, and for simply talking with us.

Thanks to Jeffrey Kroeker, the Student Union President and John Hilson for offering crucial support in a time of need. We really appreciate your comforting presence and guidance.

To the boys from Willison Hall B1 1999-2000, your much-needed support and hospitality was incredibly reassuring. It's important to know that you guys will always be there

for us. You guys are the best!

And finally, thanks to The Cord, particularly Editor-In-Chief Asad Kiyani, for providing us with the opportunity to share our memories of Chris. In response to Asad's editorial, we feel that it is truly important for any significant news, especially a death, to be covered by the school newspaper. We feel this is even more important in a small close-knit community such as Laurier, where news such as this, has a tremendous impact.

Josh, Brian and Graham

This is in reaction to the Editor's comment last week in the article "A Note On Suicide: The Rationale For Coverage." I think the article was a useful and commendable explanation of why The Cord has put the news of the suicides on its covers. With the Laurier community feeling shocked over these recent deaths, Asad Kiyani has offered an opinion as to why news of the deaths was published on the cover of The Cord. The first reason is that The Cord is a newspaper - its job is to deliver the news of the school. As to The Cord "glorifying and promoting" suicide, this is ridiculous. The Cord is writing to deliver the news and give tribute to the students who have died.

Secondly, although the deaths were suicides, the sim-

ple fact is that a human being has died. They were a vital member of the Laurier community, and they need to be remembered in a sincere and uplifting way. They were friends to many Laurier students, and formed many memories that will never be forgotten, even if they are gone in body. They will always be remembered in spirit.

When suicide occurs close to you, you don't think of the term "suicide" and its implications, you only think that you have lost a friend that you will never see again. You think of the memories you created with that friend, how they affected your life and how they still had so much to live for. The underlying principle is every person has a special role in this world and will inevitably influence those around him - no matter how or how early his is taken from us.

I am also writing this in the sincere hope that I do not see another "Memoriam" on the cover of The Cord this year. Laurier offers a wide array of help - from the Peer Help Line to Counseling Services, to just talking to a friend. If you are depressed or suicidal, find out what makes you so unhappy, see a doctor - PLEASE GET HELP. Cherish life and live it to the fullest.

Mel Kidon

The volume of letters received regarding suicide, depression and the recent tragedies at Laurier warrant, at the least, a reprinting of two valuable contact numbers from the October 12 issue. For copies of the Student Life article dealing with the subject, please come to The Cord offices. - A.K.

WLU Counselling Services (Upper Floor, Student Services Center)
884-1970 ext. 2338
K-W Counselling Services Inc. (Waterloo Town Square, 3rd floor, 75 King Street South)
884-0000

TIM PHILLIPS

Heads In The Clouds

Ever look at the sky? On the way to class? On the way home? For no reason at all? I've made quite the habit of peering up at the clouds. We all used to do that as kids. That cloud looks like an airplane! That cloud looks like a smiling clown! That cloud looks like Grandpa's prostatectomy scar! (We all had different childhoods.)

The other evening, I was on my way to copy a report, which I had spent all day preparing. The sun was setting and the sky shone a wonderful crimson glow. Without a second thought, I stared up at the beauty. A natural beauty. A beauty that doesn't condescend. All the while, I strode down the sidewalk towards Kinko's. Unfortunately, as I walked with my head in the clouds, I ran

into (literally) a number of "straight-walkers". You know the type - eyes glazed over, staring straight ahead, stressed out. In other words, "normal" people. So beaten were these people, that they didn't have the patience nor the passion to shout, "Hey Buddy, watch where you're going!" Instead,

If the world gives you crap, make fertilizer.

they would sigh heavily or mutter something under their breath and keep on straight-walking.

I can understand the pressures facing family men and women who are forced to balance the demands of their career with the demands of

their children and spouses. However, most of the people I came in contact with (literally) were young students, 19-21. Although I was tempted to call some of the girls "Sexy Mamas", I presume that most of these young adults are childless. Thus, they don't have to worry about putting food on the table for Little Damien. I do realize that there are other pressures in this world besides raising kids. You could be falling behind in your classes. Your boy/girlfriend could be stressing you. Your parents could be telling you what to do. You could be really ugly. There are simple solutions for all of these problems. These solutions are: cheat, cheat, ignore them, and buy some makeup, respectively.

If the world gives you crap, make fertilizer. That's the only way you will ever grow.

And it takes a very big man to have his head in the clouds with his feet on the ground.

BETHANY CARTER

The Joys Of Being Single

Okay, so maybe I am writing this article to make myself feel better about being boyfriendless. But I truly believe that there's something to be said for the single life. All of us single people complain about how lonely we are, yet we rarely take the time to appreciate the positive aspects of being partner-free. Just look at all those miserable couples who spend countless hours arguing, being jealous, and complaining about each other! We single people don't have to deal with all that. We can rent any movie we want, we can hog all the covers, and we can even "forget" to shave if we so please.

For me, the best part of being single is bonding with my girlfriends. Strangely enough, we have all found ourselves single at the same time. Needless to say, "girls night out" has become quite a popular event around here. There are no boyfriends to take up our time, no boyfriends to argue with, no boyfriends to whine about "girls night out". Okay, so maybe we complain about our lack of male companionship from time to time, but overall

we all enjoy each other's company - whether we're hanging out, going out, or just goofing off.

Getting to really know yourself - as cheesy as it sounds - is another positive aspect of being single. Being in a relationship, as most of us know, can make it difficult not to define ourselves in relation to the other person. When we are single, however, we are forced to think about who we really are. Our identities cannot depend on another person. Now don't get me wrong here - I have nothing against relationships, but a little time alone for self-reflection has never hurt anyone.

When we are single, we can also be selfish. We can do what we want, when we want. No planning, no waiting, no "checking in" with the man/woman. And of course the best part of the single life: guilt-free flirting. Us single people can flirt 'til our hearts are content. If we are attracted to someone we can let it be known! There's nothing to hold us back. No worries, no guilt, no thinking "if only I were single..." So ha ha couples! Look how much fun the single people are having!

(Oh, by the way, if anybody needs a date, I'm available!)

"Rome was not built in a day, persecution will come your way. The harder the battle, you see, it's the sweeter the victory!"

-Jimmy Cliff

PRINCESS CINEMA

Best Film
Best Actress (Björk)
CANNES FILM
FESTIVAL 2000

a film by Lars von Trier

Dancer in the Dark

from the director of
'THE IDIOTS' &
'BREAKING THE WAVE'

OPENS FRIDAY!

<http://princess.sentex.net>
6 Princess Street west • 885-2950

TAGHeuer
SWISS MADE SINCE 1860



LINK
SERIES

Passion for the Finest
KNAR JEWELLERY

80 King St. South, Uptown Waterloo • 888-9200
56 St. George's Square, Downtown Guelph • 821-9639

President George W.?

In the tightest race ever for the White House, it all rides on who will win Florida

YVONNE FARAH

This is the closest presidential race in the history of the United States.

The results of it all fell on the shoulders of one key state, Florida. By around 2:00 am (EST), Republican George Bush needed Florida to take the presidency and it appeared he had.

The race in Florida was as close as the entire nation. The state of Florida proved to be the last swing state as the results from the other states trickled in. It can be assured that because the race was so tight in Florida, the official result was not made until close to five hours after the polls had closed. At around 3:00 am, the result was announced that Bush had won the 25 precious electoral college votes. However, less than an hour later, the Associated Press reported that they had not finished counting ballots in Florida. Both Bush and his Democrat opponent Al Gore had 49 per cent of the popular vote with only about 2000 votes difference in a state where five million votes were cast.

At 4:00 am. (EST) Gore recanted his concession of the presidency. The wait now is for Florida's elections result to be completed. A little bit after

4:00a.m., there were still over 50 000 votes to be counted. By law, if the results are too close, within 0.5 per cent there is an automatic recount.

The system of Electoral College votes is what allows for the popular votes to be so close and the number of states won so far apart. George W. Bush has 49 per cent of the popular vote

Both men have 49 per cent of the popular vote...

but Al Gore also has 49 per cent of the popular vote. While Bush won 29 states and Gore took only 19, with three states - Florida, Wisconsin and Oregon - yet to give official results. However, the weight of Florida makes the other two states irrelevant.

A candidate needs 270 Electoral College votes to win the presidency. Each state depending on a certain criteria,

can have anywhere from less than ten Electoral College votes, to very large states such as Florida, California and New York which each have over twenty votes.

Hillary Rodham Clinton won 56 per cent of the vote to become the Senator for New York. She made history, by being the only First Lady to ever be elected into office. Her Republican opponent, Rick Lazio did not accept defeat until hours after the polls closed and initial results were given.

Ralph Nader's Green Party only got 3 per cent of the popular vote nationally therefore the Green party is not recognized as an actual party. The Green Party is being criticized for taking precious votes away from Gore.

The Senate, as of 3:00 a.m. (EST) was almost an even split, with the Republicans taking 50 seats, while the Democrats have 49 seats, with one seat yet undecided.

The House of Representatives, it seems may still be marginally controlled by the Republicans. They had 215 seats to the Democrats 203. However, there were still fifteen undecided races yet to be called.

Full results are expected Wednesday by 9pm (EST).



Clockwise from top left:

Once-victorious candidate George W. Bush faces down reporters and waits for help from brother Jeb; Al Gore waits for help from JEEBUS and wife Tipper; President Bill Clinton casts his ballot while wife Hilary Rodham Clinton and daughter Chelsea watch

Charges laid in Air India Bombing

KIRAN KHARAUD

On Friday October 27, 2000, two suspects were arrested and charged in the worst act of terrorism in Canadian history that left 331 dead. The accused are business man Ripuduman Singh Malik aged 53 of Vancouver and sawmill worker and Babbar Khalsa International member Ajaib Singh Bagri aged 51 of Kamloops.

After 15 years of investigation the RCMP Air India Task Force is now in a position to sufficiently lay charges against those involved. The bombing can be linked to the fight for an independent state out of the state of Punjab in India coined Khalistan, by Sikh extremists. The bombing is believed to be an act of retaliation by extremists against the Indian Government after Sri Harmander Sahib (The Golden Temple) was taken under siege by the Indian Government in 1984 in Amritsar. This attack is also known as Operation Blue Star.

Babbar Khalsa International is a militant fundamentalist organization operating out of BC is believed to be the driv-

ing force behind the bombing. Members and affiliates such as Bagri and Malik had an oligarchic rule over the Sikh population in BC and had full control of the temples in the 1980's. Malik is also the head of the Khalsa Credit Union in BC

This attack is also known as Operation Blue Star.

which holds an approximate membership of 16000.

Protesters in the local community who spoke out against the militant tactics were often silenced with violence. Current BC premier Ujjal Dosanjh then lawyer and writer who suffered almost fatal beatings after publicly opposing the views of the militant fundamentalists. More arrests are suspected as the plan unfolds and more members of the community come forward.

Since extremist popularity has gone down, the BC Sikh community can work to gain the control of their temples back and offer any relevant information now

that they are not plagued by fear. Also, now that arrests have been made and many more expected, the hundreds of innocent lives scarred by this senseless tragedy may begin to gain a sense of closure.

A CHRONOLOGICAL VIEW OF HOW THE CASE DEVELOPED:

1984- June 4. Operation Blue Star. 1,200 Sikhs massacred in their holiest shrine.

1984- October 31. Assassination of Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi as an act of retaliation by her Sikh bodyguards. Hindu population in India retaliate and masses of Sikhs are massacred in the streets.

1985- June 23. Two baggage handlers killed, four wounded in Japan's Narita airport.

1985- June 23. One hour after the bomb exploded in Japan, flight 182 Air India crashes in to the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of Ireland. All aboard (329) are killed.

1987- Babbar Khalsa International (a registered non-profit society) is founded by Talwinder Singh Parmar in Burnaby B.C. Parmar is believed to be the mastermind behind the entire operation.

1988- Tara Singh Hayer, a critic of Sikh extremism and publisher of Indo-Canadian Times is attacked leaving him paralyzed waist down.

1992- Talwinder Singh Parmar is tortured and shot by Indian Police in Punjab.

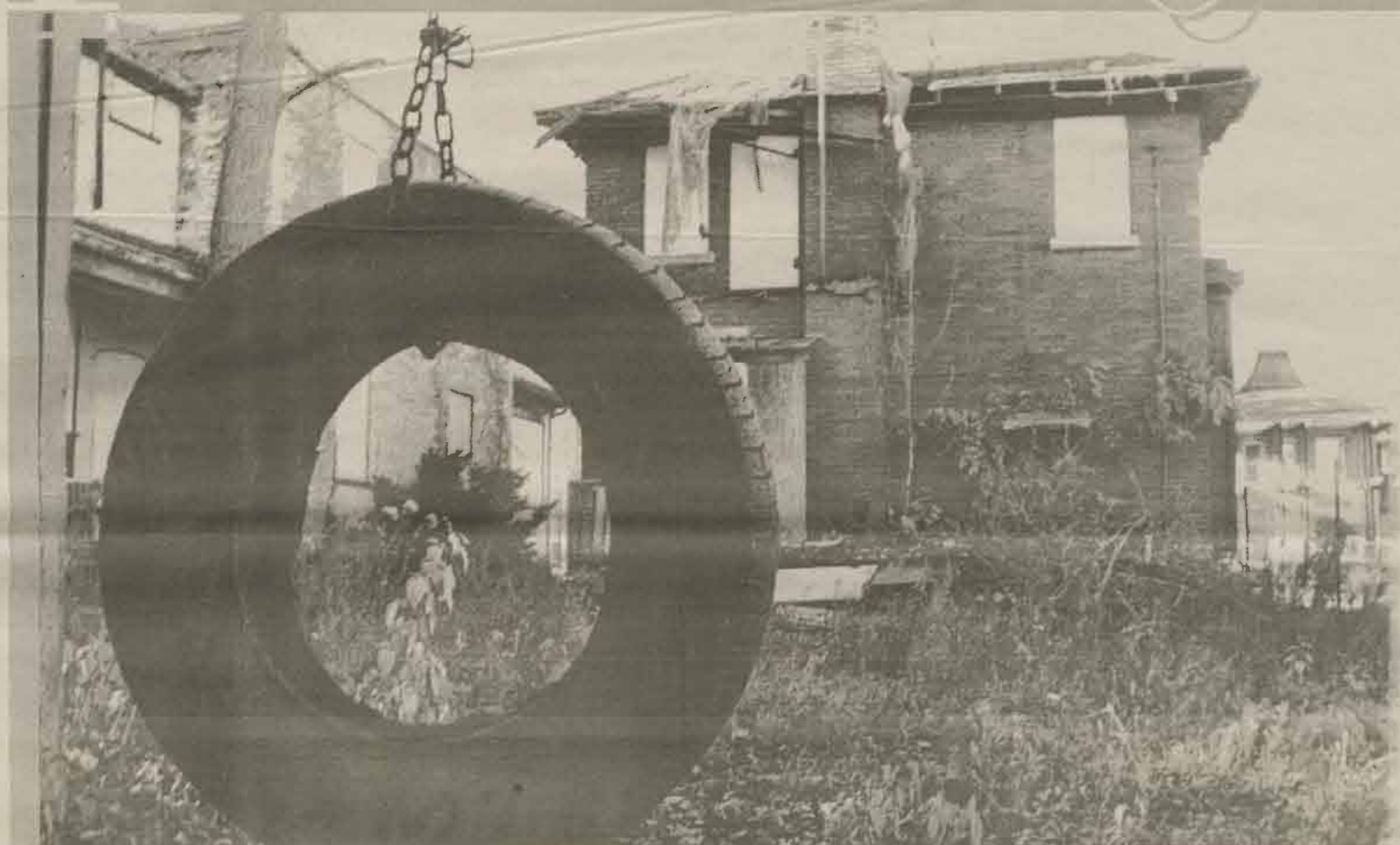
1996- Clash in BC temples between Sikh extremists and Sikh community. Extremist popularity plummets. Bagri and Malik are present in these violent confrontations.

1998- Tara Singh Hayer is gunned down in his garage. Bagri is also charged with his murder.

2000- October 27. Bagri and Malik are arrested peacefully and RCMP lay charges.

PANDORA'S BOX

poverty



contents

introduction

Welcome to the first edition of what we loosely call Pandora's Box.

Every month at The Cord, we plan to produce an eight-page pullout that deconstructs and analyzes various aspects of a particularly important and probably controversial issue.

It's called Pandora's Box not because we want to declare each and every topic evil or harmful, but because without broaching the subject, no matter how painful it may appear, we will continue to live in a state of relative ignorance that ultimately is self-defeating.

By opening Pandora's Box, we can try and understand the implications, consequences and conditions associated with each particular issue.

The supplement is not, however, intended to be a comprehensive research source. It is not possible to get all the valuable information out there about poverty packed into the space available. What can be offered, however, is a diverse range of stories covering the major issues involved. We leave it to the reader to sift through and find what is useful and what is not.

Enjoy the first issue.
Asad Kiyani

• stating the obvious:PAGE 2

Poverty is one of the most crippling conditions a person can suffer. Yet the suffering wrought by it is often ignored or pushed out of sight, despite its seriousness and pervasiveness. Is it a problem or not?

• canadian context:PAGE 3

The best place to live in the world and one of the richest nations on the planet. Yet poverty - perhaps not at the same extreme as elsewhere, but just as debilitating - persists in tarnishing the lives of many Canadians. Where and why does poverty still exist in Canada?

• local solutions:PAGE 3

Addressing the problem of poverty is a massive task. If you're a student facing the problem, there are options out there that may help alleviate your situation. If you're a student looking to help, there are a number of resources and outlets for your energy.

• a look at one life:PAGE 4

For many of us, it is hard to imagine what exactly constitutes a life of poverty and what baggage comes along with it. While no one example can speak for all, it can help draw out the mindset of someone caught in the destructive cycle of poverty.

• 57,000:PAGE 5

More than just a university town, Kitchener-Waterloo is home to an increasing number of immigrants, a huge number of which are living in poverty. Why do newcomers to Canada seem to be in the most awkward and difficult of positions?

• student relief:PAGE 5

Addressing the problem of poverty is a massive task. If you're a student facing the problem, there are options out there that may help alleviate your situation. If you're a student looking to help, there are a number of resources and outlets for your energy.

• artists making a difference:PAGE 7

From big-time rockers to ordinary students, these people offer an example for ordinary students and citizens to follow if they want to help eradicate poverty.

• the bretton woods fiasco:PAGE 7

The International Monetary Fund and free trade have often been accused of helping to propagate the cycle of poverty through economic reforms that appear designed to benefit the wealthy. Are they evil or just misunderstood?

• images Sondra Schwartz and Eddy Schall. Cover photos by Sondra Schwartz:

stating the obvious

asad kiyani

I can't look at oranges without thinking about it. There's no real guilt, but more of a kick in the gut, a twinge of conscience and the flash of a memory. Oranges, you see, are not only an integral part of the most vivid memory of my life, but also provide some of the greatest impetus for this poverty pullout.

The most vivid memory of my life came when I was nine or so and visiting my cousins in Lahore, Pakistan. We went on a tour of the historical sites of the city and while I'll remember the grand forts and mosques for a long time, what I'll never forget is what I saw before we even made it to our first stop early that morning.

As the tour bus chugged slowly through the crowded city streets, I saw a huge garbage dumpster to one side of the road. As I glanced over at the overflowing trash, I saw a man with deep brown skin and a mess of long, tangled black hair calmly, almost casually, walk over to the pile of rubbish. Time seemed to slow down as he climbed on top of the heap and sifted through the freshest castoffs. As he dug, I stared in utter confusion at his incomprehensible actions. Finally, after what my memory tells me was an eon, the man pulled his hand back from the trash and stepped down.

As the bus slowly passed by, I stared in disbelief and confusion as this dirty, disheveled being brought his prize to his lips. More bewildered than shocked, I watched as he sought refuge, found sustenance and, temporarily at least, conquered

his condition by burying his mouth in the dull, dry and decaying peel of an orange.

The sight of someone else in such a poor condition in comparison to my own was the most explicit demonstration of the problems associated with poverty I could have imagined. What struck me the most was not the recognition of the difference in purely financial terms but the look on the man's face.

despair and confusion it creates, is the most damaging aspect of it. It is possible to be happy without certain things in life - peace of mind is not one of them.

Are we really poor in Canada, though? Is it really poverty compared to dark-skinned foreigners trolling through public garbage? Or are we just feeling sorry for ourselves?

No, we aren't. Poverty is a real and serious problem in Canada, and the growing

you're tuition rises so much every year? It isn't inflation - it's the fact that social services are having their funding slashed by all levels of government and that deficit has to be made up somehow.

Part of our political and social psyche seems to encourage such moves, all in the name of 'balanced budgets.' In the meantime, education funding has been ravaged, medical care is being sliced and diced, welfare and social-assistance programs are being shut down while hostels and shelters are being closed.

So here's the question: If no one is alive because of health-care cuts, or no one has a place to live, or if no one even has access to the basic fundamentals of accounting, who's going to balance the budget? Who's going to even care if the budget is balanced?

No one, especially if we don't start caring about the issue of poverty right now. As university students, we're supposed to be the enlightened ones. We're supposed to be the ones who recognize the mistakes of our predecessors and find creative and innovative solutions to them. We're supposed to put idealism above individualism. Most importantly, we're supposed to be the ones that care.

So even if you don't immediately run out to the Food Bank or harass your MPP or tell your bank manager to quit robbing the country blind, go home and eat an orange.

Hopefully, at the very least, it'll make you stop and think.

As a whole, the country may be gaining, but as people, we are falling behind.

There was no look of anger or fear or shame or any sort of spirit at all. What was written across his face, in the way he walked and the gaze of his eyes was a feeling of resignation. He was one doomed to an awful, unfair fate, his condition made all the more unbearable by the marks of opulence and wealth that surrounded him and whose waste sustained him. Perhaps worst of all, he knew he couldn't do anything about it.

Twelve years later, I see similar problems here in Canada. It may not be as overt as the Third World, but it exists and is just as debilitating. Again, the problem is more than just a lack of material possession but of mental security. The emotional torment wrought by poverty, the guilt, anguish,

gap between the rich and poor is making it clearer. As a whole the country may be gaining, but as people, we are falling behind.

Between 1980 and 1996, the average after-tax income of the richest twenty percent of the population rose by nearly \$4,000. The income of the remaining eighty percent fell by a combined \$15,000. Same for average family incomes - for the rich, it was up over \$6,000 while the remaining eighty percent lost a combined \$14,000. This economic boom we're supposedly in, the deficits and debts we're supposedly erasing and the standard of living we're supposedly raising, seems to apply to only one side of the coin.

Don't believe me? Why do you think

canadian context:

for too long, it's been too easy to ignore poverty in Canada; now that the government is finally doing something, is it enough?

luke johnston

Imagine not having a warm place to sleep, cook food and keep your belongings.

Although, it may be difficult for the average university student to conceive of, homelessness is a serious problem all over the world. In Canada, despite the fact that, according to the United Nations, we are the best country in the world to live in, we also have a serious homelessness problem.

On a world scale, over a billion people do not have proper shelter and over one hundred million literally live on the streets.

In Canada, the problem is also very significant. In fact, Canada ranks tenth on a new "human poverty index" for industrial countries.

In Toronto, over 6500 people require shelter each night. However, the homeless epidemic is not limited to major cities. In 1995, social assistance rates were slashed all over the province of Ontario by 21.6 percent. This cut forced people to spend more of their money on rent.

People tend to assume that homelessness is largely a result of a lack of housing causing expensive rents. However, from 1994-1998, a vast majority of municipalities did experience an increase in vacancy rate and yet also saw rents rise during that same period.

The homeless problem affects certain groups more than others. In fact, 27 percent of people in shelters are women from abusive homes, 28 percent are youths and 14 percent are aboriginals.

The homeless tend to flock to major cities like Toronto, where 47 percent of shelter users come from outside the city.

The federal government is taking steps to effectively confront homelessness. Recently, a \$753 million program for fighting homelessness was announced. The program is based on the idea that local solutions to homelessness are ideal, but local groups lack the resources to carry out their agendas.

According to Claudette Bradshaw, the federal coordinator on homelessness, "our community based approach is based on the hard work and success (she) saw in communities across Canada, but they need assistance." The federal program will give local programs the means to carry out their mandates.

The government will immediately spend \$171 million to target the previously mentioned groups that are most affected by

homelessness. \$59 million will be spent on youth programs, another \$59 million will be spent on aboriginals and \$9 million will be spent on abused women.

Despite the federal government's assertion that "no one level of government can solve homelessness," it is difficult to imagine how the federal money will be divided between various provinces and municipalities. The red tape and bickering that will result from provincial and municipal competition for money is enormous.

Although the federal money will certainly be helpful, provincial and local governments must also increase funding so that the money will go where it is needed most. Perhaps the new policy allowing homeless people to vote will create enough political momentum to increase spending. Homeless people could add almost 200,000 names to the voters list. Hopefully, their voice in our democracy will help to curb the homeless problem in Canada.

FOR MANY IN CANADA, THIS IS THE BEST SHELTER THAT CAN BE FOUND.



local solutions

avenues for assistance in Kitchener-Waterloo

dillon moore

When it comes to the issue of poverty, it can be hard for students to make a connection. Most people who attend WLU, and especially those who live in residence, are surrounded in their communities by other students. Unless they personally have felt poverty or know other students in that situation, the problems faced by some members of the Kitchener-Waterloo community can easily be overshadowed by the more familiar concerns of due-dates and exam times.

On the other hand, when the media talks about poverty, it is often presented as something insurmountable. The constant barrage of statistics and figures can leave one with the sense that they are powerless to help or make a difference.

Luckily, for those who are aware of the problem of poverty and want to help in some way, there are many organizations in Kitchener-Waterloo that will gladly accept

your assistance.

For those interested in helping to build houses for low-income families, Habitat for Humanity offers a variety of volunteer opportunities. Habitat for Humanity has volunteers build houses that are sold at cost, with a no-interest mortgage to those who qualify.

In return for this service, the recipient of the house must agree to help with other building projects or help on their own house. The no-interest mortgage is a real benefit to those in need, because normally the price of a house can double or triple by the time the mortgage and interest are paid off. To reach Habitat for Humanity about volunteering, talk to Julie Niall at 747-0664, or get touch with the chapter right here at WLU.

Another group helping out disadvantaged people in K-W is the Salvation Army. They do a number of things throughout the area, including distributing emergency food and clothing to those in need. They also work with other agencies, helping to find people the help that they need.

Interested students can get involved with the Salvation Army in many ways. Those interested in family issues can help out at the Parent Child Resource Centre on Tillsley Drive. To work with seniors, contact the A R Goudie Eventide Home on Frederick Street. Other services include a toy drive for Christmas, a coat drive, correctional and justice services, and of course, family thrift stores. To contact the Salvation Army about any of these services, just look under "Salvation Army" in the Kitchener-Waterloo residential listings in the phone book.

Like the Salvation Army, House of Friendship is an organization that attempts a multi-level approach in dealing with the results of economic disadvantage. They operate fourteen different programs in the area, including hostels, group homes, addiction programs and apartments for low-income singles.

They are also the primary distributor in Kitchener-Waterloo of food that the Food Bank collects (the food bank in K-W, which can be reached at 743-5576, only collects the food, leaving the distribution to organizations like House of Friendship.)

Volunteers are welcome for help with emergency food distribution, working at the Men's Hostel or for preparing food hampers for families during the large Christmas Hamper program that takes place in the weeks before Christmas. To help out, get in touch with Tony Bender at 742-8327.

These three groups are just a taste of what is available in Kitchener-Waterloo. Even more opportunities are available at the United Way, various church initiatives and many others. Just make sure the charity you choose is a reputable one.

a look at one life

The reality of poverty is that it limits one's options and forces an individual to make decisions most would find incomprehensible, let alone tolerable. **BETHANY CARTER** met with one such young woman, and tried to put her experience in some sort of perspective.

bethany carter

So here I am at some random coffee shop on King Street. I watch my hands play absently with the sugar container that's sitting on the slightly dirty table. I feel nervous because I am waiting to meet with a woman named Julie*. I have never met her before and know only that she is a single mother temporarily living at a local shelter.

I form a mental picture of Julie and measure it against every woman who enters the shop. When the real Julie approaches me, I am surprised at how clean-cut she looks. I find myself wondering why I would assume otherwise.

"Are you Bethany," she asks. I smile and thank her for meeting with me — a bit too graciously perhaps. We sit and look each other over for a short moment. Julie seems very small to me, fragile even. And young — she could easily be my age.

Julie's straight hair is very long and very blonde. It falls over her slender shoulders but she tucks it away as if it is a nuisance. Her eyes are a shade of grey-brown I have never seen before. She lowers them to look at her hands when she sees I am watching her.

I explain to Julie that I want to write a story on poverty and talking to her will help me make it more personal.

"What do you want to know?" she asks, and I suddenly get the feeling she is uncomfortable talking about herself. I tell her I want to know how she ended up in a shelter.

We sit in silence for another moment as Julie decides where to start. She bites her lower lip nervously with slightly crooked teeth and taps her short, pink nails on the table.

"I guess it all started when I met James," she says, as if she had never thought about it before. She goes on to explain how she fell so deeply in love with James.

"I thought he was perfect," she says, smiling. But just as quickly, her smile fades. Julie tells me how James quickly turned into a differ-

ent person. He drank a lot and started to boss her around.

"He wouldn't even let me go out with my friends," she says almost apologetically. Julie wanted to get out of the relationship. "But then I got pregnant."

.....
"I know this must sound so typical and stupid," she apologizes again. Julie wanted to have the baby and stayed with James because she had no other way of supporting a family.

"I wasn't working and James made good money. My parents...well, they weren't an option," she explains. When her daughter was born, things seemed to get better.

"We were like a real family," remembers Julie. "I was so happy." But things quickly turned around again. James would come home late at night and shout at Julie for no reason.

"He would actually wake me up to yell at me if he felt the need," she says, her voice starting to shake.

I look up at Julie and realize she doesn't seem nervous anymore. Her eyes, though, are slightly glassy and she seems to be staring off into space. I open my mouth to say something, but she cuts me off.

"I can still remember the first time he hit me," she says, looking me right in the eye. "He felt so horrible about it that he actually cried. He promised to change and I actually believed him," says Julie, shaking her head slightly.

James didn't change and Julie continued to hide her abusive relationship. Those who did know the truth thought she was stupid not to leave James.

"People just don't understand how hard it is," explains Julie. "I had nowhere to go, no money of my own, and even though I hated him most of the time, I still loved him."

I wait for Julie to continue, but we just sit in silence. She pulls the sleeves of her dark green sweater over her thin hands to warm them. I look at her young, sad face and can't believe how much she has been through.

I find myself thinking how I take my life so much for granted — how so many of us do. When I begin to speak again, I am surprised to feel a lump forming in my throat. I swallow hard and ask Julie how she finally found the courage to leave James.

.....
The day she decided to go came when James' abuse reached new levels.

"James had spent the afternoon drinking and came home around dinnertime," recounts Julie. "His supper wasn't ready and he started in on me right away."

James became increasingly angry until he finally hit Julie and pushed her against a wall. When their daughter began to cry, James went into a rage and began yelling at the toddler as well.

"I really think he would have hit her if I didn't get us out of there," says Julie in a measured, controlled voice. "I would not let him hit my daughter."

Julie ran to a neighbour's house with her daughter and called the police. Although she didn't end up pressing charges against him, Julie did get away from James. Police escorted her to a local shelter for battered women and children where she and her daughter have been living for the past four weeks.

.....
Julie lets out a deep sigh. She rubs her eyes with the back of her hand and I realize how tired she looks. I ask her if she'll ever go back to James. She tells me that she knows leaving was the right decision, especially for her daughter.

"But I have a whole new set of problems now," she says. Julie has almost no money and depends entirely on the shelter for food, clothing and a place to sleep. And time is running out.

"We have to be out of there in four weeks," she explains.

Although the shelter provides access to various services, including help finding work and housing, Julie doesn't have much hope.

"There's no way I can provide for us working in a minimum-wage job — especially when we're starting at zero," she explains. "We have

nothing."

I try to wrap my head around this but can't. Julie senses this. She gives me a sad smile and says, "Hard to imagine, huh?"

I force a smile and think how petty my problems are in comparison to Julie's. I feel a tremendous sense of guilt but I simply cannot express it.

We sit in silence, lost in our own thoughts. I wonder what will become of her and her little girl and think how incredibly unfair life can be. What if I was in her situation? What would I do?

"It's like I'm trapped between two walls," says Julie, interrupting my thoughts. "I can choose poverty or abuse."

I ask if there is anybody else that could possibly help her out, but Julie just shakes her head.

"But James," she says, "is getting help. He says he'll change."

I instinctively open my mouth to protest but quickly stop myself. It's not my place to judge. Instead, I just look at Julie and wait for her to continue. Her nose looks slightly pink and I wonder what I should do if she starts to cry. But she simply takes a deep breath and asks if we are finished.

I want to know more about Julie, but she looks anxious to leave. So I thank her and tell her she's been very helpful. We shake hands and look each other in the eye one more time. As we part company, Julie's smile seems to be telling me not to worry, but it could just be my imagination. And then she walks away.

Walking home, I try to gather my thoughts but I can feel only a rush of emotions running through my head. Guilt, anger, worry, curiosity and sadness. I feel as if I have just read a book with the last ten pages torn out. I want to know what happens to Julie but I never will. Frustration tears through me.

For the first time in my life, the reality of poverty and abuse has looked me in the face and I feel utterly powerless.

57,000 "The Invisible Poor"

7,000 in the K-W region live below the poverty line. For some reason, the vast majority are new immigrants to the area.

laura carey

Waterloo Region has become a desirable destination for new Canadians; in fact, 86,370 new Canadians have settled in Waterloo since 1996. It is not hard to see why Waterloo is so attractive as we have a steady local economy, a multicultural community and social programs set up to keep residents prosperous in times of turbulence. Waterloo seems to be a great place to live, and for the most part it is.

Yet there are underlying problems in Waterloo. Waterloo Regional Municipality has a population of 400,700 and a poverty rate of 14.3%. Although not an outstanding rate, it translates to 57,300 people in Waterloo region who are living in poverty.

Who are these 57,300 people? Sadly, immigrants and non-permanent residents (refugees, students, etc) make up the majority. Nearly 45% of non-permanent residents and 18% of landed immigrants are living in poverty in the Region of Waterloo. Compare these numbers with the 13.2% of Canadian-born residents living in poverty in Canada.

The definition of poverty in Waterloo Region is based on Statistics Canada's Low Income Cut-Off (LICO) rates. (Table 1)

Poverty is anyone living below the LICO rates. These rates are already surprisingly low, and it seems inconceivable to survive on less money. And yet it is a reality. There are 57,300 people in Waterloo Region alone living under the LICO rates.

Can you picture yourself leaving your home country for Canada to live in poverty amidst so much wealth? This is the reality in Waterloo, Ontario - a far cry from the Promised Land.

It has not always been this way. Canada's poverty rate has been steadily increasing, and at a staggering rate among immigrants. Why is this happening? According to the Urban Poverty Consortium of Waterloo Region, the abundance of poverty among immigrants is caused by many factors, including low levels of education, lack of job search techniques and language and cultural barriers.

Primarily, language blockades create huge limits on economic prosperity. This can be changed with the assistance of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, available throughout the Waterloo Region. ESL classes are offered to those with landed immigrant status and refugees for 10\$ a term, with 3 terms making a year. The rates for students with VISA status is 300\$ per 3 term year.

Size of Family Unit	Monthly	Annual
1 person	\$1,244	\$14,694
2 persons	\$1,555	\$18,367
3 persons	\$1,934	\$22,844
4 persons	\$2,342	\$27,650
5 persons	\$2,617	\$30,910
6 persons	\$2,893	\$34,168

Low Income Cutoffs for Waterloo Region

Source: Statistics Canada

ESL classes are open to anyone, with no limits on how many members of a family can be enrolled at once. Language Instruction for New Canadians (LINC) classes are also available for those who are non citizens or refugees in their first 3 years of residency free of charge. ESL

Poverty Rates by Period of Immigration			
PERIOD OF IMMIGRATION	BEFORE 1986	1986 - 1990	1990-1996
Waterloo Region	11.52%	24.92%	40.63%
Canada	17.29%	33.55%	49.93%

Source: Statistics Canada

and LINC students receive cultural education in addition to language coaching to make the transition into Waterloo as smooth as possible.

Weak job search skills can be strengthened with the aid of The Working Center, with two offices in downtown Kitchener. A non-profit organization dedicated to helping people through the entire process of finding employment, The Working Center is an indispensable gem in our community. Working Center employees and volunteers assist in creating resumes and cover letters as well as teaching valuable job search skills. A "barter works" service has been organized wherein skilled workers can trade services. The Working Center also caters to the majority of people living in poverty in KW with workshops aimed specifically at new Canadians. Furthermore, The Working Center is affiliated with the Mennonite Coalition for Refugee Support to provide additional services, especially for refugees.

Working For Work is a similar organization with specialized job search programs designed to assist in effective job searching. There are four distinct programs, set up to help new Canadians, the working poor and those on social assistance.

A lack of education creates a huge rift between individuals and significant employment. A new Canadian has many options in furthering education. Classes can be taken from day school, night school or correspondence if secondary education needs completing. If educational creden-

tials have been earned off shore, it is quite difficult to have them recognized in Canada. However, it is possible to take equivalency tests, or to return to secondary school and or community college in order to regain similar credits. Trade and professional skills learned overseas are more recognized within Canada than educational attributes. Again, equivalency testing or apprenticeships can be extremely helpful in being recognized as a trade expert or professional. The Multicultural Center has much coherent information to offer on the process of getting foreign credentials recognized.

The poverty problems are in our backyard, but so are many solutions. What is needed, however, is wider commitment and support of those who offer these solutions.

Local Contact Information:

The Working Center
58 Queen St Kitchener 743-1151
43 Queen St Kitchener 749-1991

Working For Work
75 Fredrick St Kitchener 570-3552

Urban Poverty Consortium of Waterloo Region
99 Regina St Waterloo 883- 2190 or 883-2030

Opportunities 2000
99 Regina St Waterloo 579-7586 ext 131

student relief

man tran

There are solutions for coping with financial needs on campus for students! Financial assistance can be sought from a variety of programs such as scholarships, bursaries, the Short Term Loan Fund and the Work Study Program.

Each program has its own advantages and disadvantages. The scholarships range from \$50 to \$6000. These scholarships are gifts and do not need to be paid back at any time. There is a catch! Scholarships still require you to achieve a certain grade point average, and some require you to maintain it.

So, what happens if you don't make the cut off or fail to keep it up? Well, then the next best applicant receives priority. According to the Undergraduate Calendar, there are no guarantees in attaining scholarships. So, this means that even if your grades make the cutoff, or you surpass it, you are still in competition with the highest GPA, which will decide the winner.

Don't fret! There are scholarships in existence that do not revolve solely around GPA. This type of scholarship usually requires you to demonstrate your involvement in extracurricular activities, volunteer, etc. This doesn't mean that you can

receive the money while failing out of school; you still need a reasonable GPA.

Although scholarships are usually awarded to students with exemplary academic achievements and not on financial, it is still an avenue for relieving financial burdens.

Bursaries range from \$100 to \$1000, and these are also not to be paid back. Emphasis for bursaries, however, is placed on financial need and not on your grades. The Undergraduate Calendar states that it is still necessary for students to be achieving satisfactory marks.

There are certain downsides to bursaries. You can only apply

once a year, and the bursaries may not cover your expenses well. This does you no good if an emergency pops up, or if you have miscalculated your expenses.

However, there are other options available. Short term loans have been known to be a life saver. These range from \$200 to \$500 and are designated for students who show an urgent need. These students also need a minimum of 4.00 GPA.

There is a catch, though. These loans must be paid back. It is also clearly stated that they must go toward educational related expenses. So, hypothetically, if it's a personal crisis, look elsewhere.

Last, but not least, is the Ontario Work Study Program. This particular program allows you to work on-campus for your financial need. You are able to receive up to \$600 each semester from working, but it cannot exceed this amount. The work hours range from 5-15 hours per week.

Other facets to this program that benefit you are you can acquire experience and valuable skills from working. Other commitments such as school work and any extracurricular involvements may make this not too feasible.

In most cases, the means mentioned above are easily accessible and approachable. Applications for any of these can be picked up the Student Awards Office (located on the second floor of 202 Regina Street). The application procedures for each of the methods is unique.

So check them out. They are an excellent way of providing financial assistance and relief. For more detailed and related information. You can refer to pages 17 to 39 of your own Undergraduate Calendar. You can also visit the website at www.wlu.ca/~wwwsa/. You can also head on over to the Student Awards Office on the weekdays, except for Wednesdays from 9:00a.m. to 4:30p.m.

artists making a difference



Popular entertainment has always been attuned to good causes, but popular support has been far from consistent. Luke Martyn and Scott Cairns examine the recent efforts of musicians to draw attention to social issues and the fickleness of the public at large that prevents the movements from gaining mass success.

luke martyn and scott cairns

Since the early eighties, the music community has had a strange obsession with making the world a better place. Bob Geldof spearheaded one of the more ambitious projects in 1985.

After watching a BBC documentary about poverty and famine in Ethiopia, Geldof decided the music community had the power to make a significant difference. Along with hundreds of artists and philanthropists, Geldof organized Live Aid.

Live Aid was the first benefit concert of its kind to bring together hundreds of artists with a common goal: The elimination of poverty in underdeveloped countries.

Live Aid began at a time of mass consumption where every artist had a separate cause that they were "passionate" about. Artists seemed to sell records based on the social causes they were associated with. At times, virtually no attention was given to artists' actual artistic abilities.

The popularity of benefit concerts and social issues raised a question with many critics worldwide: Why do music artists feel that they must have a hand in social causes? The sincerity of artists' endorsements of social issues also came into question.

The commercialism of Live Aid in Europe was kept to a minimum, and most profits were used to go towards underdeveloped countries.

However, the North American portion of Live Aid in Philadelphia displayed the stereotypical commercialism synonymous with the United States. The disheartening commercial culture flowing out of North America brought about even more questions critical of the social trends. Reports that not all of money raised went to help with poverty were coming out of the woodwork. Significant profits were being made, and the public did not take action or notice.

Geldof himself doubted the overall effectiveness of Live Aid and its ability to raise awareness and money for victims of poverty. If enough support or interest was demonstrated, Live Aid could have continued as an annual event. Most of the blame for the demise of Live Aid was forced upon the artists, but little attention was given to the public's lack of support.

The general public is largely responsible for the demise of any worthwhile social cause. The bandwagon-like ways of the public did not allow for the continued suc-

cess of Live Aid or any other artist-endorsed anti-poverty campaign.

The plights of the past have still come to haunt us once again. It's clear that the original intentions of concerts such as Band Aid and Live Aid have not been met in any sense. The bands who cared so much about the improvement of society have incited very little movement forward other than the money coming from the direct sales.

A new host of equally pertinent and worthy causes have arisen and been tackled by the entertainers of the 90's and now.

The Tibetan freedom concert was one of the most profound and important charity entertainment events of the nineties.

Though not directly related to poverty, the concert focused on the oppression of the Tibetan people, who are currently under intensely regulated social and physical conditions from the Chinese government.

The Tibetan Freedom Concert boasted the strength and charisma of Adam Yauch of the Beastie Boys, who has, over the course of 3 albums, transformed himself into a politically conscious (and not to mention highly religious) motivator.

His 3-year and five-city organization of the concert brought talents ranging from original Live Aid do-gooders such as U2 to a host of contemporary socially-minded entertainers such as Ben Harper and Rage Against the Machine. Similar to the junk culture and Brooklyn style associated with the Beastie Boys, Adam Yauch quickly turned the Tibetan plight into the trendy cause that it stands at today.

However, we again ask the question, Does the entertainment world impact, or better, incite the public into action?

In the case of the Tibetan plight, it is entirely possible. Due to Yauch's unrelenting vocalism, and well placed concert locations (Washington DC, New York City), the American governing body has heard the plight, but in all honesty, Tibet is an item of obscurity to most of the public. It can be said the Tibetan Freedom Concert is the one time where the entertainment industry has done right, but at what impact?

Fast forward to the 21st century. The current agenda of the socially conscious entertainers seems to be centred around the causes associated with Jubilee 2000.

Jubilee 2000 is an organization that focuses on the elimination of global competition as a whole. The central and most pertinent idea is to eliminate the debt that

many more undeveloped countries owe to stronger nations such as those that comprise the G8. In essence, Jubilee 2000 strives for co-operation and a global sense of wealth rather than an individual sense.

Given the utopian nature of Jubilee 2000's agenda, many of today's most socially conscious and most powerfully spoken bands, including Radiohead and U2, have left themselves on to the jubilee 2000 agenda. U2 in particular have sought the "the blessing and wisdom" of the Pope with regard to the Jubilee 2000 cause. Wyclef Jean and Bono even recorded their own little diddy, which from a critical perspective was by no means a highlight of either artist's respective brilliant careers.

That being said, has the latest nebulous cause for good in between entertainers been a successful thing? Despite the incredible good nature of Jubilee 2000, the

concept of collective gain seems to be one idea at loss to the public. Capitalism is a system so ingrained in the very countries that it targets, and greed is so often the sole purpose of life in places that these actions are directed too.

It also brings up the most important fact: That the entertainers that work for such a nebulous good do so under the guise of a public who would not necessarily benefit from such charity. It is often the case that we, the fans of such socially conscious bands, would wonder what's in it for us to create a collective wealth, when our own individual wealth is so burgeoning.

In essence, until we can get over our own nonsense, the entertainment world's unselfish good will largely go unnoticed.



THE BRETTON WOODS

The International Monetary Fund has been much maligned, as has the emergence of global free trade. The ideas were spawned over 50 years ago, and are now being blamed for institutionalizing poverty in the Third World.

Maneesh Sehdev and Cathy Sweet look at the birth of the IMF and free trade and its current attempts to put on a newer, friendlier face.

maneesh sehdev

part one: the birth of the IMF

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) was founded on December 27, 1945, when 29 countries signed its Charter at a conference held in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, USA. The purpose of the IMF was to assist countries with debt problems by loaning them money. "Technical assistance" is also provided with the loan.

But just what is "technical assistance"? The IMF provides designs and implements their own fiscal and monetary policy within the country they are lending money to. In addition, they provide other services that are essentially reshape economies the way the IMF dictates they should be.

Once this occurs, the original debt may be paid off but the country in question is once again in debt — this time to the IMF. The governments of these countries have no choice but to cut costs in order to pay off their debt.

The IMF imposes structural adjustments that end up increasing poverty in the countries they lend to. Privatization is encouraged by the IMF, leading governments to sell their enterprises to privately-owned corporations. These corporations, in typical capitalistic behavior, reduce wages and lay off as many workers as possible.

Along with privatization, cuts in government spending are also encouraged, which inevitably leads to cuts for education and health care. Sometimes these are the only two services poor families can receive from the government. However, when a government chooses to take money away from these services, people suffer.

The IMF frequently calls for the implementation of user fees for government-provided services. Therefore, services provided by schools, health clinics and even water fountains can be subject to charges. Poor people simply cannot afford some of these fees, which can lead to lack of education and even death among a certain part of the population that is unable to pay for such basic services.

Promotion of exports is another poverty-inducing practice used by the IMF. Production for domestic needs is deemphasized in order to exploit resources internationally. Low-income families that operate farms find themselves being replaced by large plantations run by corporations. The interests of these corporations are to mass-produce crops to export to other countries. Domestically grown crops cease to be sold among the country they are produced in, which leads to hunger among low-income families. Family-operated farms simply cannot compete with large corporate farms, especially when they are being taken over by them.



INTERNATIONAL POVERTY, PARTICULARLY IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD, IS FREQUENTLY LINKED TO THE POLICIES OF THE IMF AND THE ADVENT OF FREE TRADE

Rising interest rates imposed by the IMF cause increasing rates of unemployment. Small businesses find it increasingly difficult to access affordable credit and do not bring in the huge revenue brought in by corporations, these small businesses cannot pay such high interest rates. Unable to compete, smaller businesses are forced to close.

All of these factors contribute to poverty within any country that receives an IMF loan. By restructuring foreign markets to better serve their own interests, the IMF can easily destroy foreign economies and replace them with their own western capitalistic values.

part two: GATT & the WTO

The World Trade Organization (WTO) was established on January 1, 1995, replacing the previously existing General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT). Their aim is to determine the rules of trade between nations and promote the global economy. However, many of their policies end up benefiting richer countries while poorer ones suffer.

Although developing countries make up about three-fourths of the total WTO membership, they rarely use their votes to influence the direction of the group. Most of these countries are already heavily dependent on the USA, the European Union and Japan in such areas as imports, exports and aid. Opposing the interests of these giants would only serve to anger them, possibly bringing about their cutting of aid to these developing countries.

Trade negotiations end up being bartering sessions between countries. Countries agree to lower tariffs for certain products while bartering with other countries to do the same. This trade-off method of operating excludes the developing countries, since they have very little to offer. This leaves the developing countries gaining nothing and staying in their weak positions while the richer countries benefit greatly.

The development needs of poorer WTO countries are completely ignored while the richer countries decide who to exploit next. Most WTO members have very little technical and human resources and cannot compete with the richer countries. Developing countries are forced to use the cheapest methods possible to compete

with the richer countries.

The actions of the IMF and WTO combine to force poorer countries into a never-ending cycle of cheaper labour, privatization, government spending cuts and eventual poverty of a large percentage of their

populations. Instead of helping these developing countries, as they originally intended to do, the IMF and WTO have only succeeded in increasing the gap between rich and poor countries.

the imf & debt relief

cathy sweet

On October 24, 2000, American congressional leaders finally agreed to write off loans to 20-30 of the world's poorest countries. As a first step, the plan includes \$435 million requested by President Clinton for Third World debt relief to be funneled through the World Bank to regional African and Latin American banks. Second, it allows the IMF (International Monetary Fund) to release \$800 million from the sale of gold reserves to finance a new debt relief trust fund. The foreign aid package totals \$14.9 billion US.

By relieving Third World countries of debt, the subsequent interest payments can then be used for education and health care. The debts to be forgiven are long-standing bilateral loans by the World Bank along with other international financial institutions. Currently, 11 countries have been accepted as "highly indebted poor countries" assessed by the IMF and the World Bank.

Among its benefits, the bill includes a substantial increase for children's health programs. It provides \$963 million for child survival and disease programs. The money will go towards immunization, prenatal care, polio vaccinations, combating prostitution in young women and children and establishing orphanages. Approximately \$110 million will go to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

However, the money will not be made available until Feb. 15, after Clinton leaves office. There is some speculation as to whether a new administration will block the release of those funds.

Critics of the plan itself say that providing direct debt relief will simply pay off bad loans made by banks rather than directly assisting poor people.

There are further criticisms of the organization responsible for implementing the plan. Many question whether the IMF is doing the right thing, partly due to their mistakes in the past. Following the Cold War, the IMF poured money into Russia without regard for their lack of social and economic institutions or abilities to implement such advice and move towards capitalism. As a result of IMF actions, Russians were plunged into poverty, banks were looted, unemployment increased and people's health has declined.

Horst Koehler addresses these problems as the IMF's new managing director. In the past, he says the IMF "underestimated the importance of institution-building, which needs time and requires crucial ownership by the societies affected." He is taking measures to prevent such disastrous effects from repeating in the future.

Although there have been numerous debates surrounding the IMF's role in foreign aid, everyone can agree that Third World countries require intervention from an outside organization to ensure growth, economic development and prosperity.



E.S.



The Wilfrid Laurier university Award for Teaching Excellence

NOMINATIONS MUST BE IN BY JANUARY 15, 2001- CALL FOR INFORMATION

Wilfrid Laurier University has a distinct commitment to teaching and, accordingly, encourages faculty members to strive toward excellence in their instructional responsibilities. Improvements in teaching must constantly be sought so that our students are given as rich and satisfying education experience as possible. At the same time, good teaching must be recognized and rewarded at all levels of the institution. An atmosphere in which excellence in instruction is not only encouraged but also acknowledged in a tangible and visible manner must be created. As one step toward this end, the Wilfrid Laurier University Award for Teaching Excellence has been established.

The Award for Teaching Excellence has been established to honour those full and part-time faculty members who excel in teaching. Up to two recipients (one full-time faculty member and one part-time faculty member) may receive the Award each year. Each recipient will receive a certificate, a \$1,000 grant for further development of teaching and learning skills, a permanent notation in the university calendars and on the Award for Teaching Excellence plaque. The recipients(s) will receive the Award at Convocation.

For complete details on the nomination process, please refer to the Instructional Development Web site: <http://www.wlu.ca/~wwwidev/> or contact Catherine Black at extension 2396, or by e-mail at cblack@wlu.ca

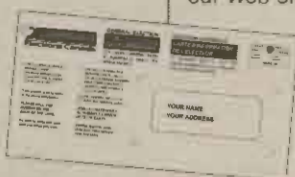


ARE YOU ON THE LIST?

The voters list, of course — you've got to be on it to vote on Monday, November 27, 2000. You are going to vote, right?

By now Elections Canada has mailed you:

- **an information pamphlet.** It tells you how you can register to vote and what your voting options are, even if you're not going to be around on election day, or if you're living away from home.
- **your personal voter information card.** It tells you that you're on the voters list, and tells you where and when you can vote.



Most Canadians now know that they are on the voters list. But if you didn't get your voter information card by now, don't worry! Simply call us now to find out if you're on the list!

Canadians abroad can vote. If you will be away from Canada during the next election, call Elections Canada or check our Web site. If family members, friends or employees are away, please let them know about Elections Canada's Web site, where they can find out how to register and vote.

For more information right now, visit our Web site at www.elections.ca.

Or phone us at
1 800 INFO-VOTE (1 800 463-6868)
TTY: 1 800 361-8935

If you know someone who has difficulty reading, please share the contents of this advertisement.

Pour obtenir cette information en français, composez le 1 800 463-6868.

IT'S YOUR FUTURE.
ARE YOU READY TO VOTE?

Elections Canada is the non-partisan agency responsible for the conduct of federal elections and referendums.



Dinner Woes

REAGAN HAIRE

You may be one of them. You know them. Those people who eat the same meal every night simply because they have lost creativity with their food. This doesn't have to happen, it doesn't have to be you.

It is possible to spice up your meal time, while still remaining low in budget, and still taking little time to prepare.

Students on the go don't necessarily have time to sit down for an hour and a half and prepare a big meal. There are some tips to eating healthily and quickly, that can be practised.

We are all well aware, as students, that we can sometimes get caught in the rut of fast food and eating food with low nutrient value, just because it is within an arm's reach. This can be avoided.

Mom and Dad are not around to kick our butts about what we eat, it is up to us. So, get creative and try things that you don't have every day. You could surprise yourself at what you make.

Vegetarians always seem to have a harder time trying to find alternative meals. Salads, sandwiches, and pasta can get tired. There are variations to these dinners that could offer you a whole new pallet.

Here are some suggestions for vegetarians dinners, that are easy to make:

TOFU

Tofu salad is much like egg salad, but minus the egg. You mash the drained tofu with a fork and feel free to toss in any ingredients that you would to egg salad (pickle, relish, green peppers, onions, mayonnaise, salt and pepper). Mix it up and refrigerate over night for best results. You can eat it right away, but this dinner could also be one to prepare ahead of time, if you have the time.

GREEN PEPPER AND ONION QUESADILLAS (serves 4)

1 large green pepper
1/2 large red onion
1 and 1/2 cups grated cheddar cheese
4 flour tortillas
butter for cooking



Scrumptious! You can do it!

salt and pepper
sour cream
salsa

Add 1 tsp. of butter to a frying pan and fry up the green peppers and onions. When they are finished, take them out and place them on a plate. Place a tortilla in the pan and our half of the cheese. Then, take the veggies and throw them on top of this. Cook it for about a minute and flip it over. Voila! The salsa and sour cream are great sides for this to dip!

VEGETARIAN CHILI

1 cup of kidney/pinto beans
2 tbs. oil
1 onion, diced
1 large carrot, diced
1 celery, diced
1/2 bell pepper, diced
1-2 cloves of garlic, mashed up
2 large tomatoes, peeled, seeded and chopped
3/4 can of tomato puree
1/2 tsp. of chili powder
salt and pepper as you wish

Wash and soak the beans. Cook them with 4 cups of water. Fry up the veggies in oil for 15 mins. Add the rest of the ingredients and simmer for 5 mins. Then add the beans and simmer for 15 mins. This one is great because you can do reading or work while you cook!

Not only the vegetarians, but it is also possible for you meat lovers to get stuck in a rut with what you make. Here are some ideas for you to try:
BEEF, PEPPER, AND MUSHROOM KABOBS (serves 4)
1 pound of steaks
1 large pepper (whatever colour

you like) - cut into 1 inch pieces
12 large mushrooms
1 package long grain and wild rice blend
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
seasoning of your choice

Cut the steak into 1 1/4 inch pieces. Throw them into a bowl, and whisk it together with the seasoning. Then add the peppers and mushrooms. Alternatively thread the beef and the veggies onto your skewers. Prepare the rice according to the package directions. Place the kabobs on rack in broiler pan so that the surface meat is 3 to 4 inches from the heat. Broil them for 9-12 mins., turning them occasionally. Serve them over the rice.

BURGERS

2 pounds of ground beef
1 packet of dry onion soup mix
1/2 cup of water
1 teaspoon of hot pepper sauce
3/4 cups of dried bread crumbs, easy to make yourself

Heat pan and lightly oil. In a large bowl, combine the beef, onion soup mix, water, hot sauce and bread crumbs. Mix together well and form into patties. Grill patties in the pan for 10 to 20 minutes, or to desired doneness.

With all of these tips, it's not possible to get stuck without options. Say goodbye to McDonald's, Gino's, and KD every night.

Try some of these recipes at home with your roommates or friends. Change up your dinners. The possibilities are endless!

queer

theory

"The Great Divide"

LUXMEN ALOYSIUS

There has been a lack of lesbian issues covered in Queer Theory.

The reasons are three fold. Firstly, there aren't too many lesbians that I know of at Laurier. Secondly, those that I know of have already written or don't really want to write. Thirdly, I can't really write in a lesbian perspective because I am not a lesbian. I don't find women sexually attractive, and I think this is the more important characteristic: I am not a woman.

It got me thinking though, are gays and lesbians mutually exclusive? Are we so fundamentally different that we can't be readily combined and mixed together?

The division is clear in the gay community. While gay men have the gay pride parade, with most participants being men, the lesbian women have the dyke march. Gay men have a number of gay bars in Toronto and there are only a handful of lesbian bars. GLOBAL meetings here at Laurier are mostly men with a sprinkling of lesbians.

There seems to be a discrepancy in the representation and services that are offered to lesbians.

With this division in the queer community there also seems to be hostility. The last time I went to a lesbian bar in Toronto, one lesbian remarked as I entered the bar, "Why is he here, he has his own bar to go to." The comment wasn't hostile, but it fell along the same lines. I let it pass, mostly because she could kick my ass without much effort.

The same hostility can be found among gay men. While in a restaurant in Toronto, I brought the subject up among my friends of why there were no lesbians in our crowd of friends. One friend remarked that there are fundamental distinctions between gay men and lesbians, besides the obvious. When asked what these fundamental differences were he answered, "we believe in lip gloss and they don't." My head hit the

table. I was disappointed. I wanted a revelation of what the underlying problem was, and all I got was the typical gay, superficial comment that gay men revert to when they have nothing new to say. No wonder lesbians don't like us.

The lesbian bar I went to wasn't that different. The same music, the same non-gendered washrooms, the same attractive bartenders, and the same crowded dance floor. The only difference was that the bar was filled with women. Tons of women, dressed in a diversity of styles

We believe in lip gloss and they don't.

that strode away from the stereotypical view of lesbians in tracksuits and shaved heads. It was enlightening. I started talking to a

few of them and they were a funny bunch (one even bought me a few drinks!).

The lesbians that I have gotten to know at Laurier are not that different from me. One couple that I know are dealing with issues of coming out (they are pretty open, their parents just don't know) which I dealt with and the other couple have committed to each other and are in a stable relationship, which is something that I am striving towards.

There are differences but they are pretty trivial in relation to the relationships that I have with them. The similarities are diverse. We all go to school at Laurier and we deal with the lack of representation. We deal with homophobia in all its forms and we all deal with the issues of integrating partners with our families. We like to have fun. We love dancing. We love to watch movies.

While heterosexuals may not readily understand the difficulties that gay men face, lesbians do. As you surpass the exteriors that we project to the world, the distinctions between gays and lesbians begin to blur.

Fundamentally what correlates us as a community is the experiences that we share as being the "outskirts" of society and the solutions that we seek to remedy it.

strange but

MELANIE SHAYE

Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes.
A dentist invented the electric chair.
Barbie's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts.
Leontina Albina of San Antonio, Chile gave birth to her 55th child in 1981.
A man's beard grows faster when he anticipates sex.
Camels have three eyelids to protect their eyes from dust.
The most shoplifted book in the world is the Bible.
Sex for 1 hour will burn off 11 Hershey kisses.
Dr. Zeuss wrote Green Eggs and Ham after his editor dared him to write a book using fewer than 50 words.
There are more donut shops per capita in Canada than any other country.
The only desert in Canada is located in Osoyoos, British Columbia
Nova Scotia leads the world in exporting lobster, wild blueberries and Christmas trees.
Canada geese mate for life.

Ignorance Examined

Cherry Docs premieres in Kitchener

BRENT REANEY

As you walk in you see two men seated on opposite ends of a completely enclosed wire cage with openings about a foot in diameter. The lights are dim. The two men are unaware of the existence of both the audience and each other. There are traditional Jewish folk songs playing loudly. The songs come to a crescendo, the lights brighten and one of the men stands and begins speaking fondly of his multi-cultural neighbourhood as the sweet smell of his Cuban cigar smoke fills the air. The ride begins.

Two hours, two men. No escape and no intermission. This is the simplest way to describe David Gow's play, *Cherry Docs*. Jewish lawyer Danny Dunkelman is assigned to the defense of Mike Downey. Downey's a young, ill-educated neo-Nazi skinhead that has been accused of killing a South Asian man by kicking in the head with, you guessed it, his 18 hole combat boot *Cherry Docs*. This seems like it could be a fairly predictable story. Kid's locked up, kid hates lawyer, lawyer helps kid, kid repents, world is a happier place.

What actually does unfold involves a revealing look at two very intelligent men and how each is forced to question the ground that they stand on and decide whether it is truly firm. The entire situation is chess-like



Michael Peng and Andrew Lakin play the Jewish lawyer and skinhead in *Cherry Docs*.

in nature with each move more intricate and better planned than the previous. Mike starts out by making sure that Danny knows he wants him to represent him because he's a humanist and a liberal and will be bound by these ideals to do the best job possible regardless of how he feels personally about Mike, his beliefs or his crime. Danny then countermoves by giving Mike the entire case file and telling him that he will not represent him unless he constructs his own sound argument for his defense.

By the end of the play, each character has evolved due to the intense nature of their expe-

riences but not in the manner expected. Each character receives a different size dose of

**Cherry
Doc's is
playing at
the Market
Theatre.**

reality and there is regret and remorse to be found on both sides but in distinctly different contexts. One of the largest les-

sons to be learned is that true redemption takes more than simply saying you're sorry. Within *Cherry Docs*, Gow has created some great written dialogue that truly comes alive with the excellent timing and execution of Mike Peng and Andrew Lakin who play the roles of Danny and David respectively.

The set was simple yet effective with a rotating circle found within the middle of the cage. On this circle is a table with chairs. The play consisted of seven different meetings between David and Danny and hence the table is rotated seven times. As the theatre is small

and intimate with each turn the audience is provided with a different vantage point of the facial expressions of the two actors.

There was also a question and answer session with the playwright after the final curtain. A significant number of patrons stayed for this session and many intelligent questions were posed. Through the creation of this work it is clear that Gow wanted to raise awareness that this type of ignorance does exist and almost force the individual to think about how to deal with the existence of this level hatred in society. While there are obviously no concrete solutions it is obvious that the more people who are provoked to even consider the question the better the chance in finding an answer.

The work was professional and passionate. For those that love live theatre, the Market Theatre is only about an \$8 cab ride away at the corner of Duke and Frederick St. *Cherry Docs* is playing until November 18 with other plays to follow. Call the box office at 571-0928 for more information. Student tickets are \$8 and can be reserved on Tuesday and Wednesday nights. The tickets are available any other night at the same price but are unable to be reserved. I have been told that it is rare though that the theatre is ever completely sold out. The web site address is www.theatreandcompany.org.

Talkin' All That Jazz

MARIANNE LEE

Looking for a good time this Thursday night? Need a new environment in which to drink responsibly and consume large amounts of greasy food? Got two bucks that can be dedicated to the arts? Sure, nothing can compare to the regurgitating entertainment of Stevie Starr, but the music faculty's jazz cabaret is performing at Weavers Arms, and there will be a fair amount of sock's blown off.

First on the spectacular roster is the music department's jazz ensemble. The group of 17 music students plays under the direction of Ron Schirm, and consists of 6 basic instruments- saxophone, trumpet, trombone, drums, bass, and piano. With these six core sounds, the possibilities are endless (and funkified by 55% for that matter).

The jazz ensemble will be playing songs from all kinds of genres. Although the range of music is extremely diverse, blues, funk, and jazz standards will be the focus of the night. There may even be a few 'Blood Sweat and Tears' tunes throughout the night. Given the nature of

"the Jazz Music" as Bill Cosby says- there will be lot of improvisation with different instruments, which is often executed with some surprisingly effective results.

Also featured during the night is the student-run ensemble 'Minor Infractions'. The group consists of ten members, and are composed of an entirely a cappella jazz make-up. The group will perform pieces in an array of styles, which include swing, scat singing, and a few sweet little ballads. The sweet refrain of 'American Pie' will be one of the numbers of the night- so you can be sure that the performance will be a prime date mood-setter. With the right music, all you need to do is throw in a few meaningful glances and you're golden. Disclaimer: Neither the Cord nor the members of 'Minor Infraction' can be held legally responsible should you fail to find your true love and/or get lucky through vocal jazz.

The event is taking place off campus, at a location that is more than a 30 second walk from residence, so those accustomed to never leaving the campus

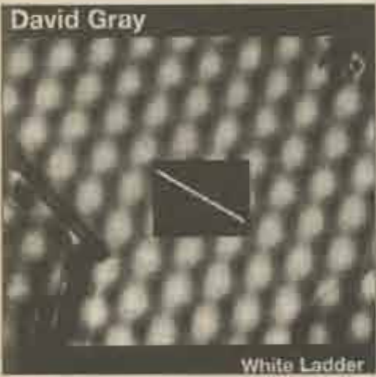


Catch the jazz ensemble at Weavers Arms for a night of madness.

may have to go on a little adventure. However, have no fear- this performance will be well worth facing the outside world. To reach this off campus destination- boldly venture down University street, past Laurier place (try to be

strong), and seek out Weavers Arms on 286 Phillip St. If all else fails, just follow the inevitable mad rush of second, third and fourth year students, primed and ready for an enthusiastic night of jazz.

Flava' of da Ear



David Gray
White Ladder

The Next Big Nut

After only a few minutes of listening to this album, it becomes frighteningly clear just how big a splash David Gray is going to make in the North American music scene. This native of Wales has already proved himself in the U.K. and Ireland, having gone platinum 5 times in the later. I first heard his hit single "Babylon" while travelling this summer, and whether I was in London, Edinburgh, or Dublin, this song could be heard on all of the top radio stations. And

rightfully so, for it is a great song.

So what is it that sets David Gray apart from the rabble? It is his voice that immediately catches your attention. It has a raspy feel to it that is quite similar to Bob Dylan's, without the twang. One song in particular, "Say Hello Wave Goodbye" could easily pass for a Dylan tune. But don't get me wrong, he certainly is not just some cheap imitation. For just listen to what Dave Matthews, perhaps one of the best rock musicians in the world today recently had to say about David Gray. "David is one of my absolute favourite artists - beautiful in the purest and most honest way. Anything I can do to turn more listeners on to his music, I will." Matthews has lived up to his promise, having recently signed Gray to his new startup label, ATO Records.

As most bottom-feeding record labels desperately search for the next carbon-copy boy band, or the next incapable yet gorgeous teen pop star, it is encouraging to see that some record companies are beginning to recognize genuine talent.

The instruments that can be heard on this album include an

acoustic guitar, a piano, keyboards, and drums. He tends to mix in a little electronica baseline from time to time that seems to be a bit out of place, but it actually works well most of the time. To be honest, my initial interpretation of the record led me to believe that the quality of the songs seemed to fade as the album progressed. Yet after having listened to the CD a couple times, his nostalgic, yet uplifting and sophisticated lyrics begin to sound better and better. Apart from

"Babylon," two songs in particular stand out from the rest; "Please Forgive Me" and "This Years Love."

So if you find yourself becoming increasingly afraid of the one-hit-wonder plague that seems to be decimating the music industry these days, have no fear of "White Ladder." David Gray will be performing on Saturday Night Live on November 18th. So keep an eye out for this guy.

Erik Marshall

Comix will reappear
next week
stay tuned

Come & see us for all your travel needs

- Domestic & International Budget Airfares
- Eurailpasses / Britrail Passes
- International Bus Passes
- Contiki Tours
- Student Work Abroad Programme
- Language Courses
- Spring Break Packages
- Travel Insurance
- Adventure Travel (packaged or customized)
- Great Travel Advice!



TRAVEL CUTS

The Student & Backpacking Experts

Student Union Building,
3rd Fl., 886-8228

Check our website for all our locations

www.travelcuts.com

Owned and operated by the Canadian Federation of Students

COMEDY NIGHT

Laurier's own Fraser Young

Saturday
November 18 in Wilf's

Special Guests : Laurier Improv Group

Tuesdays **Tim & Kal** Live acoustic cover

Wednesdays **Traditional Pub Night**

Tragically Hip Ticket Giveaway



presents

Blacklight Party

Thursday November 16
at the Turret

Hawks go to Yates cup

BRIAN THODE

For the second year in a row Laurier will be competing in the Yates Cup and will be looking to take the next step on the road to the Vanier Cup. Saturday's OUA semi-final game against the Western Mustangs was a hard fought contest. The game was tight for 2 1/2 quarters. However, the Hawks took better advantage of their opportunities and scored 21 straight points in a 4 minute span, allowing them to cruise to a 30-6 victory.

The first half was a battle for field position with neither team able to take control. Laurier was able to move the ball more effectively on the ground and was able to grind out 9 points, while the Hawk defense was able to shut out the Mustangs in the first half. The highlight of the half came in the final minutes of the second quarter as Kevin Taylor picked off a pass by Western quarterback Mike O'Brien and returned it 35 yards to the Western 7, setting up Ed Becker's second field goal of the half.

Western put a scare into the Laurier faithful early in the second half. On Laurier's second offensive possession, fullback Jon Low fumbled, giving Western the ball on Laurier's 13 yard line. The Hawk defense held firm though and forced Western to settle for a field goal. The Hawks then took possession on the 35 yard line and on the first play Adam Lane threw an interception that gave



The Hawks will ride their dominating performance against Western to Mac next week.

Western the ball on Laurier's 45 yard line. But the Hawk D held Western to another field goal keeping Laurier ahead.

Just stopping Western was not enough though for the dominating Hawks defense. On their next possession, the defense forced Western to fumble deep in their own end, giving the struggling Hawk offense a jumpstart. Whereas Western settled for field goals, the Hawk offense took full advantage, driving for a touchdown and taking a 16-6 lead. Andre Talbot returned a punt 66 yards for a score with two minutes remaining in the third. One minute into the fourth, Justin Praamsma converted a Kevin Johnson interception and a circus catch by Talbot into seven more

points.

The win was a psychological boost for the Hawks as they had not beaten Western twice in the same season since 1973. The defense was very impressive; after giving up 37 points on Homecoming weekend they shut the Mustangs down. Coach Zmich commented that the defense "Didn't let them play", holding second team OUA All-star quarterback Mike O'Brien to just 15-40 passing with 3 interceptions. The Hawks also forced four fumbles and had 2 sacks.

The Hawks head to Hamilton next weekend to take on the McMaster Marauders in the Yates Cup. The Hawks will be looking for a bit of revenge after being embarrassed 47-15

in their last meeting. The Hawks are the more experienced of the two squads, having virtually the same core of players as the team that went to the Yates Cup last year. Coach Zmich hopes McMaster's home field advantage. Laurier heads into the contest reasonably healthy with only linebacker Dylan Chester questionable for the contest.

Zmich feels the key to winning is "avoiding a shootout." The McMaster offense has a diversified attack led by quarterback Ben Chapdelaine, running back Kojo Aidoo, and receivers Ryan Janzen and Mike Linton. Each were named First Team All-stars at their respective positions.

The Hawk defense will have

their hands full and will look to control rather than shut down McMaster's vaunted attack. If the Hawks hope to come out victorious it will be up to the Laurier offense to move the ball and stay on the field as much as possible in order to limit the Marauders' opportunities.

The 2000 OUA Football All-Stars were announced last Wednesday and the Golden Hawks were well represented as they had the most first team selections with 9 and finished second to McMaster in over-all selections with eleven.

Running back Justin Praamsma, receivers Andre Talbot and Chad MacAvelia, and offensive guard Jamie Hitchen were named to the offensive First Team. Talbot also made the First Team on Special Teams as a returner. Offensive Tackle Ed Palasz was the lone offensive Second Team selection. Ed Becker was selected as the Second Team punter.

Defensive end Kojo Millington, linebacker Rohan Thompson, Defensive back Donnie Ruiz, and Safety Kevin Taylor were First Team Defensive selections. Ed Becker also made the squad as the second team punter.

Several Laurier players had strong years and were overlooked by the selection committee. However, the strong Laurier presence on the All-Star team is an expression not only of individual talent but of the Hawks' strong team play as well.

Hawks hoops show improvement

ANTOINE "TONY MONTANA" VOLPINI

Midway through this year's preseason the Laurier Golden Hawks Mens basketball team has been struggling to find their game. Isn't it ironic then, that in a tournament named after the founder of basketball, they did just that--they found their game.

At the 32nd annual Naismith Classic, the Golden Hawks did everything that epitomizes what good teams do. They rebounded hard, they played aggressive defence, they hit the big shots, and even the little shots.

They had help from the bench, help from the ref's and even help from the point guard position. In fact, at a position in which the team had the most inconsistencies last year, this year the 1 spot appears to be the most stable. With point guard Darren Veira leading the team with 18 points in their first game and dropping 6 in the second, the enigma that is Veira may finally have been solved.

There is only one thing that the Hawks did not achieve at this years Naismith: winning a game. However, the team's 0-3 record is not as telling as it

first appears. The Hawks were dealt an extremely tough schedule by the always gracious hosts of the Naismith, the Waterloo Warriors. Laurier was forced to play the #1 ranked team in Canada, St. Francis Xavier, followed by a game against the #8 ranked team, the York Yeomen. Their final game was against the Warriors.

It was in these games that the team's vast improvement was evident. In both games Viera and veteran Jeff Zdrahal, continued their sharp outside shooting that appears to be on its way to becoming a trademark of this year's squad.

In the loss to York, Zdrahal showed why he will be one of the most prolific scorers in the league as he continually hit shots with a defender in his face, leading to a game high 18 points. Transfer Dan Joncar and sophomore Rob Duffy both proved themselves as legitimate scoring threats, particularly Joncar who with his smooth three-point stroke, combined to hit for 24 points in Laurier's last two games.

The Laurier back court was not the only area of the team which showed progress. The front court consisting of Adam Rogers, Rhadi Knapp and Predrag



Despite a 2-8 preseason record, men's basketball team has cleaned up their act.

Radovic appears to have a new found work ethic both under the net and under the direction of Campbell. Perhaps the biggest surprise in the tournament came in the play of Yugoslavian native Radovic.

Last year Radovic found himself in coach Mike Kilpatrick's dog house, but under Campbell, Radovic's uncanny

European trademarked footwork and soft touch from the blocks has resurrected him. Radovic was Laurier's leading scorer with 16 points in the loss to Waterloo.

The Mens Basketball team looks to improve on their 2-8 preseason record as they head to Buffalo this weekend.

Men's Lacrosse Comes Home with MacDonald Cup

WESLEY HORLINGS

For the first time in Men's lacrosse history the MacDonald Cup has come to WLU. It was a difficult weekend as the guys played three physical games in as many days. They had to put their exhaustion aside and stay tough in order to bring home the Division Championship in a close game against Queen's.

The playoffs started on Friday with a ranking game against Carleton. The Hawks ended up on the downside of this contest 10-6 to enter the Division 2 bracket. A strong game for the defense and some usually unseen offensive prowess from Chris Labenski as he potted the first two goals of his career provided upside despite the loss.

Saturday saw the Hawks playing McMaster in the Division 2 semi-finals. The Hawks had not played well against Mac in previous outings but the defense anchored by OUFLA All-Star Aaron Barchiesi was impenetrable and the few shots that did get through were pounced on by netminder Neil MacDonald. Thanks to a total team commitment to defense the Hawks recorded the first shutout in team history by downing the Marauders 7-0.

It was a weekend of firsts as the Hawks were now playing for the MacDonald Cup for the first time in their 14-year history against archrival Queen's.

After falling to an early 1-0 deficit the Hawks remembered their defensive strategy and also managed to turn it up a notch on offense. Led by Dan Spears and Jason Nichols the Hawks took the lead and would not look back. The second and third quarters were all Laurier as Keith "Toba" Fulford and OUFLA Rookie of the Year Scott Tykoliz got under the skin of the Queen's tender.

A desperation offense by Queen's put the ball in their most talented player's hands. This was not enough as the defense clamped down and controlled the tempo with powerful body checks and effective ball control.

The Hawks were not to be denied on this day with Queen's not being able to function under the pressure of the defense. The win finally brought the MacDonald Cup to WLU.

This marks the end of the 2000 season, but the guys are looking forward to next year and to taking their game further. All of the players can walk with pride as they all had an excellent season and were all part of this win.

It was a long time in coming, but it feels so good. Good luck next year and from 17 to the boys, thanks for the good times and the memories. You will all be missed but not forgotten. Next year we take the Bagatway.

TODD DOUGHERTY

The Laurier men's volleyball team took to the court this past week for two regular season matches. On Wednesday they hosted McMaster, followed by a visit from East Division rival York on Friday.

The Marauders saw the Laurier men play their most complete match of the year to date.

The Hawks came out flying in front of their home crowd and maintained control of the match throughout. Reliable passing and error free attacking led to a 25-20 first set victory.

The second set saw the Hawks co-captain Matt Ritchie spreading out the offense. Pin-point serving and a continued mastery of ball control by the Hawks kept the Marauders off-balance, earning a convincing 25-17 win.

The beginning of the third set saw Laurier continue their excellent side-out play dominat-

ing the remainder of the match to finish with another 25-17 victory. The story of this match was unforced errors. The Hawks had a total of 10 unforced errors, while the Marauders committed 55. This was the Hawks first reg-

came out of the gate playing solid Laurier volleyball.

The offense established the middle quickly, helped along by a seemingly rock-solid serve reception.

However, it didn't take long for the wheels to fall off as York battled to a 25-18 win in the first set.

The second and third sets were entertaining battles, both going to the wire. York took the second and third sets by scores of 25-23 and 25-22 to close out the Hawks with a three set victory.

The match exposed a need for the Hawks to work on performing against a good team when the chips are down.

This results places the Hawks' record at 1 win and 3 losses heading into another big week as they face the Waterloo Warriors on Wednesday followed by an encounter with the ever-tough Western Mustangs at the AC on Friday.

McMaster saw the Laurier men play their most complete match.

ular season victory against two losses.

Friday's match against York started out like our men were still riding the wave from Wednesday's match, as they

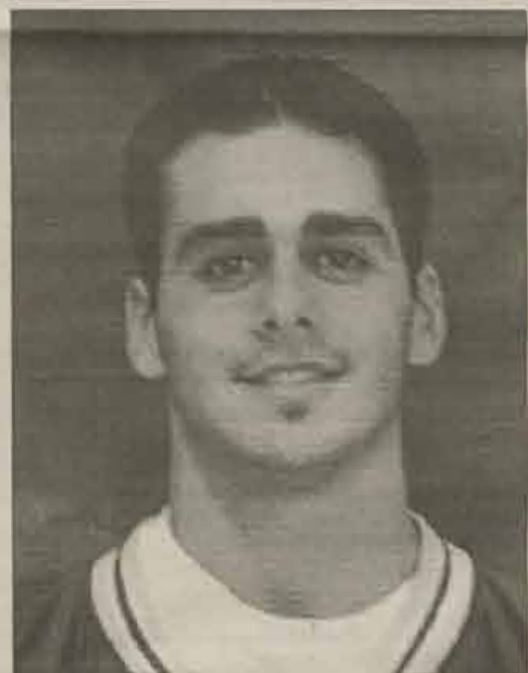
Cord Sports:
More Gore, less Bush

Budweiser
KING OF BEERS.

Player of the Game

David Agro

In only his second year with the Hawks, safety David Agro is already creating an unbelievable impact. On Saturday, as the Hawks faced the Western Mustangs in the OUA semi-final, the Burlington native stepped up his game, recording five tackles, a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and a sack. Look for big things from this Burlington native as the Hawks continue their quest for a Yates Cup championship next weekend at McMaster.



Labatt Blue
Proud Sponsor of the National Hockey League

Chad Marshall and Jeff Ambrosio

Labatt Players of the Game



Labatt Blue Player of the Game vs. Western
Chad Marshall

Despite being on the wrong end of a 5-1 decision, Golden Hawk goaltender Chad Marshall was outstanding between the pipes as he stopped 44 of 49 shots in the loss. The New Liskeard native has clearly been the Hawks best player to this point in the season, as he continues to give the team a chance to win every night. As the Hawks look to improve on their current 1-2-2 record, Marshall will continue to be of paramount importance.



Labatt Blue Player of the Game vs. Windsor
Jeff Ambrosio

On a night when the Hawks had trouble penetrating the armor of Lancer goaltender Ryan Gelinac, it was Jeff Ambrosio who scored the Hawks lone goal. Skating well all night and creating opportunities for himself, Ambrosio was clearly the most dangerous Hawk on the evening. A former draft pick of the St. Louis Blues, Ambrosio will have to continue to create chances for the Hawks as they continue their quest for the OUA West Championship.

Anniversary Special

University Vision Centre
150 University Ave. W.
Campus Court Plaza,
(corner of Phillip and University)
725-8999

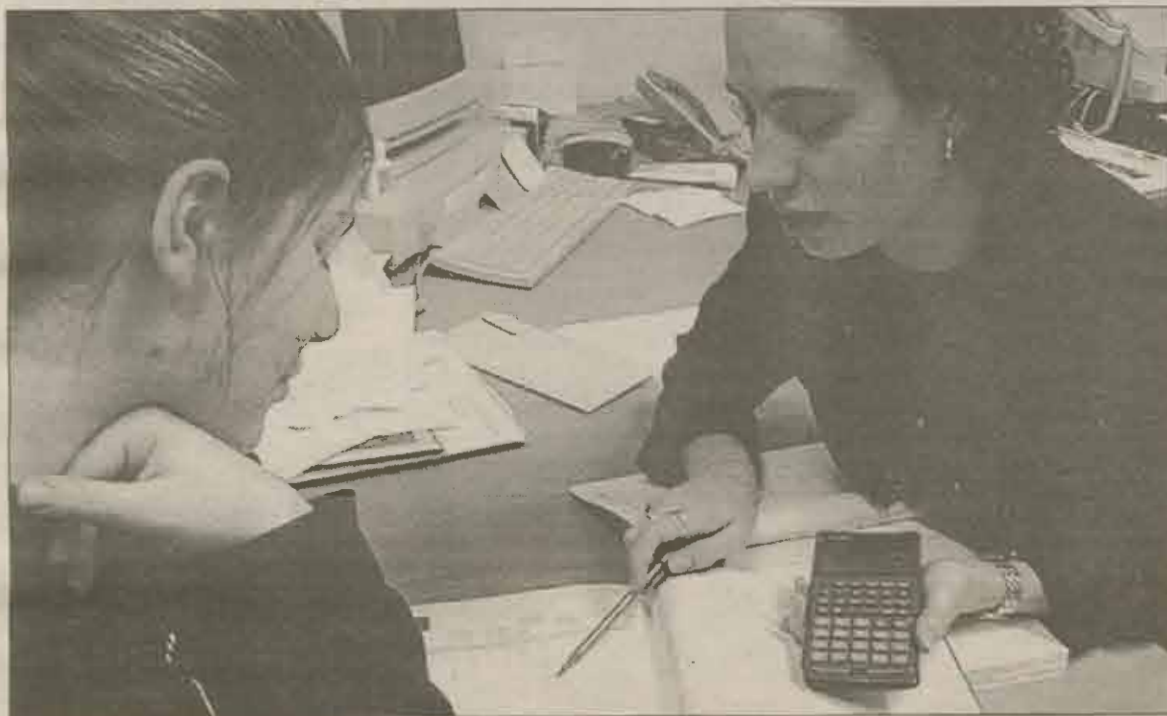
BUY ONE, GET ONE, FREE
EYEGLASSES OR CONTACTS

Buy one complete pair of eyeglasses or soft contact lenses at regular price, and get a second pair free

Details in store ~ With coupon
Not valid with other offers. Expires Nov. 26, 00

Investing in Your Future

Yeah, yeah, you're just a kid. But if you want to live large in old age, you better get ready now.



Sit down with someone who knows what they be talkin' about.

MARK MORASSUT

The demands of university life can be overwhelming. Midterms and exams to prepare for, assignments to complete, and a social life to attend to.

Unfortunately, constantly being bombarded with demands on our time does not afford students the opportunity to explore many aspects of life. Included in this long list is financial planning.

Financial planning is nothing more than the proper handling of cash flows and assets to meet your objectives.

The fundamental message of financial planning is simple - every individual should establish a clear picture of what they want to accomplish financially and develop a formal financial

plan.

The most effective way to develop and implement your specific financial plan is to enlist the help of a professional financial planner.

Employed by financial institutions such as RBC Dominion Securities, Investors Group, and Merrill Lynch, financial planners will work with you to achieve three simple objectives: help you increase your cash flow; minimize your overall tax burden; and, maximize your investment performance.

"Enlist the help of a professional financial planner."

However, finding the right financial planner to achieve these objectives is hard work.

When searching for a financial planner it is important to get referrals from others, interview more than one planner, check the planner's background, and ask for references.

Once you select a planner, it is important to reassess your relationship on a regular basis and make sure your planner understands your needs as they change and develop over time.

Having established a rela-

tionship with a financial planner, there are many investment products and financial services for you and your financial planner to choose from to meet your objectives, including Guaranteed Investment Certificates, Registered Retirement Savings Plans, and shares in publicly traded companies.

One of the most popular investment products today is a mutual fund, which is a company that invests and manages a pool of money raised by selling shares or units to investors.

As unitholders, the investors

will be aware of the different levels of risk associated with investment products and will assist you in establishing a well-diversified portfolio.

To ensure a financial planner is qualified to assist you in managing your money, the Financial Planners Standards Council works at establishing and enforcing education, examination, experience and ethics requirements for financial planners who choose to hold the internationally recognized professional designation, Certified Financial Planner. It is, therefore, important to select a

financial planner who holds the CFP designation.

The world of investment products and financial services can be a very intimidating topic of discussion for many people.

It is important to begin educating

ourselves at a young age regarding the numerous merits of financial planning and realise there are qualified professionals who will help us gain financial well being.

Although many university students must deal with hectic schedules, the rewards of increased cash flow and minimising your tax burden is reason enough to take some time from your busy schedule to begin investing in your future.

Take the time to learn about financial services now.

receive part of the money made from the fund's investments. Its key advantages include being professionally managed and being able to provide a relatively inexpensive way to diversify an investment portfolio.

Risk and diversification are important elements of all investment portfolios. Risk is present in every situation because the outcome is subject to chance and not definitely known.

However, risk can be reduced by diversification, which is simply spreading investment risk by buying different securities in different companies in different kinds of businesses and/or locations.

An educated financial plan-

BUSINESS BITES

WOMEN INTERNET USERS

Women in Canada use the Internet for daily banking transactions but are reluctant to invest, apply for mortgages, loans or credit cards on-line. J.C. Williams Group Ltd. conducted a survey of women on the Internet and found some surprising results. From the women surveyed who regularly bank online, only 14% have applied for a credit card; 8% have sought investment advice; and 5% have purchased on-line insurance. Of women polled, 83% said they had privacy concerns about online banking.

This presents an opportunity for financial institutions to educate the public about their on-line security measures and create easy to understand instructions regarding on-line investment services.

FULL-TIME JOB, ANYONE?

In October, full-time employment climbed by 52,000, the largest monthly increase this year. Companies hired another 37,000 employees, the largest increase since April. This gives students who are looking for their first full-time job reason to celebrate. The statistics show that October's new hires were getting full-time, paid employment positions at the expense of lower-paid self-employment and part-time positions.

The figures indicate that if the economy's need for workers continues to increase, there will be an adequate supply of workers available to meet those demands. The manufacturing sector, which added 23,000 workers in October, was the biggest driver of Canada's latest job growth.

MOLSON BUYS BRAZILIAN

Molson Inc. announced its intent to buy one of Brazil's leading beer brands for \$98 million US. Under the agreement, Molson will acquire the Bavaria brand and five breweries. The brand represents 3.7 per cent of the market share. Daniel O'Neill, president and chief executive, expects to see profits almost immediately.

He is anxious to take advantage of emerging markets in South America. Molson will gain access to the brand's distribution network for four years with options to extend the period to ten if so desired. The \$98 million asking price could increase with changes in market share performance.

MUTUAL FUNDS RISING

In October, Canadians invested over \$1.4 billion of new money into mutual funds. Usually, as markets experience a downturn, there is evidence that people exit the markets, but not this time. For example, in August 1998, fund sales decreased dramatically following the global market meltdown when the TSE fell by 20%. Some analysts believe that the true measure of mutual funds will not be evident until the end of November. The reasons behind October's surprising investments in mutual funds may be the result of technology and the Internet. Financial experts believe that Canadians are reverting back to mutual funds after being burned on technology stocks such as Nortel Networks.

HOUSING

Sublet Room Available

January to April. Newly renovated house. Biggest room in house, 5 minute walk to WLU, utilities included. Price negotiable. Call Christa @ 883-8285

Old Beechwood Exective Home

Close proximity to both universities. Two story home with 3 bedrooms up, 1 down. Main floor family room with hardwood floors, fireplace and walkout to deck with gazebo & hot tub. Updated bathrooms and kitchen. Fully finished walkout basement to formal shade gardens. Cobblestone driveway and walks. For information call: 519-888-6944

SERVICES

Guitar Lessons, Michael Bennett

I give personalized instruction all styles/levels. I perform solo, with a band and have run a recording studio. Centrally located. Day/evening classes, call 576-6881.

Yout Time Is Valuable

At the Distress Centre you can volunteer providing confidential supportive listening to individuals in distress. We provide complete training. Call today. 744-7645 X317
www.cmhawrb.on.ca

Volunteers Required

Are you able to volunteer a few hours weekly during the school day? The FRIENDS service at CMHA matches volunteers with children who need additional support in their school setting. Please call 744-7645 X317.
www.cmhawrb.on.ca

TRAVEL

Spring Break and New Year's Trips!

Daytona Beach, Acapulco, Montreal & Quebec from \$129! Party with thousands for New Years & Spring Break with Breakaway Tours, Canada's #1 Student Tour Operator! Organize a small group and TRAVEL FREE! Call 1-800-465-4257
www.breakawaytours.com

EMPLOYMENT

EXCLUSIVELY WOMEN'S FITNESS CENTRES

Are you: personal and outgoing? Dedicated and patient? Committed to health and fitness? Then read on..... Exclusively Women's Fitness Centre is currently seeking **Aerobic Instructors, Customer Service Reps, Personal Trainers and Fitness Consultants.** As one of the fastest growing fitness organizations in Canada our success is based on one thing: the Players On Our Team! We are currently recruiting high-energy individuals who have the motivation, desire and drive to become a player on our winning team Once on board we provide all employees with the tools to continue on a successful career path with our organization. Together our team is changing the face of the fitness industry and you can be part of it! All interested candidates are encouraged to apply in person at **Waterloo Women's Club** in the Waterloo Town Square. Call 886-7546 for more information.

ATTENTION: Snow Clearers

Luther Village on the Park, in Waterloo, is looking for strong and dependable people to clear snow at the retirement community on an on-call basis throughout the winter months. Clearers will be required during and/or after snow storms, often in the early morning or late evening hours and on weekends. This position pays \$10.00/hour. Please submit resume to: **Human Resources, Luther Village On The Park, 139 Father David Bauer Drive, Waterloo, ON, N2L 6L1.** Fax: (519) 884-9071

Christmas Gift Wrappers

Creative individuals locations--downtown Toronto, North York, Mississauga, Pickering. Managers to \$9.00/hour + bonuses. Wrappers to \$7.40/hour. Full/Part time, December 1-24. 416-533-9727

Waterloo Inn Now Hiring

Looking for flexible team oriented staff who enjoys working with the public to join our team as part-time banquet servers in our catering dept. Please fax or drop off resume to 475 King St. N. Waterloo or fax 519-884-0321

Now Hiring

Hiring 120 servers on a P/T basis. 6 shifts available at \$10/hour. Experience preferred but not necessary. For more info: Allen Adamusiak-880-1660

FOR SALE

The Hip

Tragically Hip tickets for sale. December 3. Four available. Call 883-1642

Happy 21 Birthday Mary Ellen!! -Ash

Don't panic!



Breathe Deeply.
Eat. Sleep.
Go for walks.
And run away
every
so
often.

Student friendly return fares from Kitchener to:

Guelph	\$11
Toronto	\$24
Peterborough	\$48
Belleville	\$58
Ottawa	\$113
Sudbury	\$113

Plus many more discounted destinations!

Go Greyhound and leave the driving to us.®
www.greyhound.ca



585-2370
15 Charles Street W.

Shock therapy.



Good for every bone, joint, muscle and organ in your body. Blundstones, with the patented SPS Shock Protection System, reduce the impact of each foot-strike by 33%.

Walk, jump, hike. Stomp all day (or night). Handy pull-tabs instead of laces.

And - brace yourself - sizes from women's 5 to men's 13.

Blundstone
Footwear
Australian Since 1870

Blundstone #500

Shoes 22

133 Weber Street North • 746-4983



Hollywood

Music

Fashion

Adventure

www.myfw.com

Enter online
to **WIN** a



ford focus
expect **more**

It's your world



Team Player's

RACING IN THE CART SERIES